

## Good morning

### Today's forecast:

Cloudy with areas of morning fog. Light winds. Highs in the middle 40s. Lows near 30.

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## Magic Valley

### Don't fence us in

Twin Falls County needs more residential land where people who don't like cities can live, according to a county official.

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### Woman reports rape

A Nov. 18 rape kept a Twin Falls woman scared in her home until she reported the crime last week, police say.

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### Oakley principal retires

Oakley High School Principal J.B. Smith says he is not retiring under pressure from the community or the School Board.

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Twin Falls trounced Highland 62-45 in a key Region III boys' basketball game.

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Steve Carlton was the only former ballplayer receiving enough votes to be elected to baseball's Hall of Fame this year.

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Little Wood Reservoir provided excellent fishing through the ice for a party of six Magic Valley anglers on a late December outing.

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Research biologist Jack Connelly will head a pheasant management team for Gooding and Blingham counties.

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### Good year for inflation

Wholesale prices edged up only 0.2 percent in 1993, the third straight year of modest inflationary pressures.

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Navy researchers injected two hospital patients with a radioactive compound in 1945 in the first experiment of its kind.

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### Priests fight for poor

An activist Roman Catholic bishop could be a key figure in ending the rebellion in southern Mexico, where priests have long worked to help the poor.

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# Andrus would boost area teacher pay

The Times-News and Associated Press

BOISE — Every Magic Valley school district except Blaine County would benefit under a plan to boost teacher salaries proposed by Gov. Cecil Andrus Wednesday.

The plan, which seeks to bring Idaho teacher pay up to par with neighboring states, was just one part of an ambitious plan to prepare the state's schools for the 21st century that Andrus unveiled in his budget address to the Legislature.

The governor, taking full advantage of the state's robust economy, called for an unprecedented 20 percent increase in state aid for public schools.



He asserted that his plan, if adopted by the Legislature, will end the legal debate over Idaho's financial commitment to quality education.

"This commitment, I believe, will allow us to own up to our responsibility to the heirs of Idaho with sufficient dollars to truly make a difference in their young lives, yet insist on greater accountability than ever before," Andrus said.

"We need to take this action because it is the right thing to do."

For the first time, the governor's recommendation exceeded that of the state's leading coalition of educators, which had seen its aid requests pared — sometimes dramatically — during previous sessions.

The coalition had sought a \$95.5 million increase over this year's \$528 million state allocation and had won support from Republican legislative leaders. But Andrus upped the ante by nearly \$12 million more.

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Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus followed his State of the State address Monday with his budget message to legislators Wednesday.

## Withdrawal halves list of Gem anti-gay measures

By Times-News writer Drew DeSilver

BOISE — One state lawmaker has abandoned plans to introduce an anti-gay rights bill during the current legislative session, but another says he still plans to sponsor such a measure.

House Majority Leader Alan Lance, R-Meridian, had been considering an anti-gay rights measure before the Legislature convened. It would have prohibited state agencies, boards and department from adopting rules or policies that would grant so-called "minority status" to people based on sexual identity, orientation or preference.

But on Wednesday, Lance told The Times-News he would not introduce that bill.

"I don't think the Legislature ought to be interfering in this (subject) when there's an initiative process that has been begun," said Lance, who plans to formally launch his Please see GAY/A2

## A chilling story



AP photo

Figure skaters Tonya Harding, left, and Nancy Kerrigan, right, posed during the national championships Sunday in Detroit.

## Skater's bodyguard admits attack plot

The Associated Press

### Intrigue on Ice - D1

A bodyguard for figure skating champion Tonya Harding has admitted being involved in the attack that knocked Harding's main rival, Nancy Kerrigan, out of the national championships, NBC News reported Wednesday.

NBC's "Now" program, citing anonymous sources, said Shawn Eric Eckardt confessed to being involved in the Jan. 6 attack at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit.

A man struck Kerrigan with a club after a practice session, severely bruising her right leg and forcing her to withdraw from the competition. The attacker escaped.

Earlier, Eckardt had called allegations he was involved in the attack "absurd." NBC also quoted unidentified sources as saying the club had been found in a trash bin behind the arena where Kerrigan was attacked.

Deputy Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon said at a news conference that no arrests had been made, but that the investigation was "progressing satisfactorily." He would not comment on whether anyone had confessed.

"People have been interviewed by the FBI. The contents of those interviews will not be shared at this point," he said. Harding won the U.S. championship at the trials. She has denied any link to the attack, saying she felt cheated of the chance to compete with Kerrigan.

The International Committee of the U.S. Figure Skating Association named Kerrigan to the U.S. Winter Olympics team even though she didn't compete at

the championships. Harding was the other skater named to the team, which will compete in Lillehammer, Norway, from February 12-27.

Kerrigan's brother, Michael, delivered a brief statement for the family outside their home in Stoneham, Mass. "We are sure the law enforcement authorities are working very hard on this case and we hope their efforts are successful," he said.

Harding was scheduled to fly to Fairfax, Va., Wednesday for the Nations-Bank U.S. Olympic Festival on Ice. But she canceled, said Barry Geissler, general manager of the Patriot Center, the site of the event.

A representative of Bill Graham Presents, the event's promoter, said Harding told producers she was "having a few media problems."

No one answered the telephone at Harding's house, and her coach, Diane Rawlinson, did not reply to a message left on her answering machine. A call to the U.S. Figure Skating office was not returned.

The Oregonian newspaper reported the FBI was investigating Eckardt and Harding's husband, Jeff Gillooly.

A Portland minister went to the FBI after hearing a tape recording in which the two men allegedly spoke with a "hit man" from Arizona about attacking Kerrigan, said private investigator Gary Crowe. Crowe said Harding evidently knew nothing about any plot to attack

## Blass will not seek 3rd county commission term

By Sean L. McCarthy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County Commissioner Norma Blass announced Wednesday that she will not seek re-election in November.

Gary Grindstaff, a Buhl Republican, has said that he intends to run for the seat. Grindstaff, a farmer, is the chairman of the Twin Falls County Fair Board.

Elected to the commission first in 1988, Blass, a Republican, served one two-year term, and then was re-elected in 1990 to a four-year term as commissioner.

"It is with prayer and deliberation that I have made the decision not to seek re-election," Blass wrote in prepared statement.

Blass currently serves on a three-person juvenile committee that is establishing management and operational procedures for the regional youth lockup that is scheduled to open by September.



Blass

Blass represents the western third of the county.

Her district runs west from Washington Street North and north from Adams Avenue West in Twin Falls out to the Owyhee County line.

The full-time position pays \$30,000 yearly.

## Clinton gives in, requests probe of land investments

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton reluctantly gave in Wednesday to relentless political pressure for a special counsel to investigate his 1980s real estate investment with a controversial Arkansas businessman.

Attorney General Janet Reno said she would comply with the request and name an independent investigator "as soon as possible."

While vehemently denying that the Clintons had done anything wrong — or that the appointment was even necessary — the White House said the controversy over the Whitewater Development Corp. investment had left Clinton little choice but to drop his opposition to a special counsel.

"The Clintons have been subjected to a barrage of innuendo, political posturing and irresponsible accusations," said White House adviser George Stephanopoulos. He said that even many of the Republicans demanding an investigation were predicting the Clintons would be exonerated.

"Nevertheless, the president believes that it is important to take whatever steps he can to assure complete confidence in the federal law enforcement system ... even if the factual justification for special measures is entirely lacking," Stephanopoulos said.

"He believes the integrity of high officials must be without question. Above all, he believes it is critical that his administration not be distracted in any way from the



Dole

tion's handling of the matter — and increasingly worried the issue was developing into a major political embarrassment for the president.

But the White House move did not mollify Republicans, who after weeks of demanding that Reno name a special counsel reacted to the White House decision by questioning whether her pick would be impartial.

Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole said the fact that Reno was acting at Clinton's request indicated "she's not in effect an independent attorney general. The president ought to be free and clear of this. It's clear he's calling the shots." Dole said that lawmakers would not tolerate "any perception of a whitewash."

Reno said she knew her pick would be subject to such second-guessing but said forcefully: "The person I choose I want to be ruggedly independent."

## Arms accord ready to sign

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — President Clinton nailed down an agreement Wednesday with Ukraine to eliminate the third-largest nuclear arsenal in the world by the end of the century.

Closing the deal, he offered increased economic assistance and security guarantees.

After a short airport meeting with Ukraine's President Leonid M. Kravchuk, Clinton said the accord would be signed in Moscow by them and Russian President Boris Yeltsin on Friday.

He then headed for the Russian capital for a summit meeting cluttered by rising discontent over Yeltsin's reform programs and uncertainty about how much more money the United States could provide.

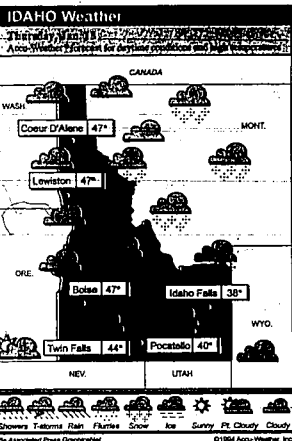
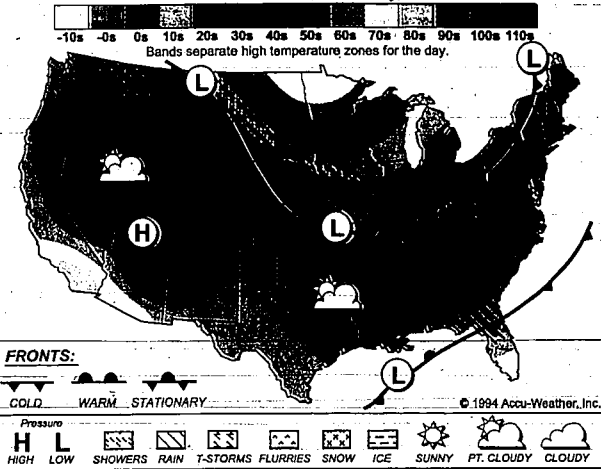
Clinton arrived at the Moscow airport a little before 1 a.m. local time. He was greeted in light snow by a delegation including Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and was handed a bouquet of flowers by a woman in the group. He made no statement before leaving for his hotel.

Clinton said earlier his "urgent task" in Moscow would be to press for reform and against growing nationalism.

# Weather

## NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Jan. 13:



Temperatures		Seattle	50 47.10
		Spokane	42 38.06
		Washington	37 34.84
		Max Min Pcp	
Albuquerque	51 23		
Atlanta	53 49		
Boston	33 26.03		
Chicago	34 16		
Dallas	54 39		
Denver	49 21		
Des Moines	33 13 01		
Detroit	34 18		
Honolulu	84 88		
Houston	56 50.02		
Indianapolis	38 33.05		
Kansas City	34 27 01		
Las Vegas	62 48		
Los Angeles	77 47		
Memphis	43 39.02		
Miami Beach	83 71		
Minneapolis	34 17		
Milwaukee	19 11		
New Orleans	57 53 01		
New York	34 31.40		
Oklahoma City	54 32		
Omaha	43 18		
Phoenix	68 40		
Pittsburgh	37 33 08		
Portland, Ore.	50 11 01		
Portland, Ore.	50 47.11		
Reno	53 20		
St. Louis	40 34		
Salt Lake City	47 32		
San Francisco	68 43		
		Boise	35 21
		Burley	45 30
		Fairfield	35 18
		Gooding	30 20
		Hagerman	41 27
		Idaho Falls	33 28
		Jerome	40 28
		Leavitt	45 37.03
		Malad	37 28
		Matta	30 30
		McCall	35 23
		Pocatello	40 32
		Salmson	35 25
		Starley	25 15
		Sun Valley	37 7

**Forecasts**

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Cloudy today with areas of morning fog. High in the mid-40s. Light winds. Tonight and Friday cloudy with areas of night and morning fog. Low around 30. High in the mid-40s.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Cloudy today with patchy morning fog. A slight chance of snow in the morning. High in the 30s. Thursday night and Friday cloudy with patchy night and morning fog. Low 5 to 10. High in the 30s to around 40.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Saturday through Monday partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers Saturday. Low teens and 20s east, mid-20s to mid-30s west. High mid-30s to mid-40s.

Northern Idaho and Nevada: Utah - Today through Friday partly cloudy. High mid-40s. Low in the 20s.

Elko County - Partly cloudy northeast. High in the 40s.

**Visible planets**

**Morning: Jupiter**

**Evening: Saturn**

## Sloppy conditions in East may turn frigid by weekend

The Associated Press

A storm spread rain, sleet and snow along sections of the East Coast and Appalachians on Wednesday while rain fell on parts of the South.

By early afternoon, 3 inches of snow had accumulated at Newark, N.J., with 2.5 inches at Allentown, Pa., and 2 inches at Munsey and Lock Haven, Pa., the National Weather Service said.

Winter storm warnings were posted for parts of northeastern Pennsylvania, and interior sections of southeastern New York and northern New Jersey. Winter weather advisories were posted for parts of central and eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York City and Long Island, eastern sections of upstate New York, and much of southern New England.

Earlier in the day, the storm system had left a blanket of snow from West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, where 3 to 4 inches of snow was reported, across western Maryland into south-central Pennsylvania.

Accumulations included 6 inches at Hancock, Md.; 5 inches at Mount Union, Pa.; and 4 inches at Frostburg, Md., and Greencastle, Pa.

Other parts of West Virginia got up to an inch of rain. Heavy rain fell across parts of the southern Atlantic Coast region, with 2.25 inches at Charleston, S.C., during the morning.

Across the South, rain fell over the Texas and Louisiana Gulf coasts, with isolated showers in warm and humid air over the Florida Peninsula.

Low pressure and an associated cold front moving across the upper Great Lakes produced a few areas of snow. Hubble, Mich., reported 4 inches of snow, with 3.5 inches at Houghton, Mich.

Afternoon temperatures behind that cold front ranged from around zero along the Canada-U.S. border to the teens in eastern South Dakota, southern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Elsewhere, low clouds and a few areas of rain persisted across the Pacific Northwest.

Temperatures moderated across much of the nation east of the Rockies.

This weekend, however, more arctic air was expected to surge southward out of Canada, dropping overnight temperatures below zero as far south as the Ohio Valley and the middle Atlantic states.

# Pay

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To recommend a total aid package of \$635.3 million for the 1994-1995 school year.

Included in the governor's school-aid proposal is \$16.6 million to start bringing Idaho teacher salaries up to the average level in the six states that border Idaho. That average is \$32,300; the current average teacher salary in Idaho is \$27,011.

Andrus' plan would take three years. For the first year, he would begin raising the pay of teachers in 89 of the 113 school districts with the lowest average base salaries.

All Magic Valley districts - except Blaine County, which has the second-highest average teacher salaries in the state - would fall in that category.

Over time, Andrus envisions extending the pay-raise plan to every district in the state.

Other items of interest to the Magic Valley in Andrus' budget include:

- \$9.93 million for the College of Southern Idaho and North Idaho College. The two community colleges usually split their joint appropriation about equally. They received \$8.9 million last year.
- \$5.33 million to build CSI's long-delayed library and academic development center.
- \$5.46 million for the state School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding. The school received \$5.1 million in general tax revenues last year.
- \$481,900 to implement and enforce the water-quality management plan for the Middle Snake River.

In keeping with the conciliatory tone he set in his State of the State address on Monday, the governor again told the Republican legislative majority that he is just one approach to managing Idaho's business.

"I am eager to hear the ideas of other Idahoans and from the members of this deliberative body," he said in his final address to the Legislature. Andrus is retiring next Jan. 2 at the end of a record fourth term.

## How Magic Valley schools rank

Here's how base teacher salaries in area school districts rank statewide, out of 113 districts, for the 1992-93 school year. The McCall-Donnelly district ranked first, with an average salary of \$32,402. The statewide average is \$27,011.

District	Average salary
2. Blaine County	\$32,112
28. Cassia County	\$27,039
44. Valley	\$28,042
57. Twin Falls	\$25,816
63. Gooding	\$25,486
66. Minidoka County	\$25,246
78. Jerome	\$24,391
81. Filer	\$24,173
83. Buhl	\$24,154
89. Camas County	\$23,817
102. Wendell	\$23,438
83. Castelford	\$23,421
64. Shoshone	\$22,981
101. Glenns Ferry	\$22,238
102. Hagerman	\$22,181
103. Hansen	\$22,109
104. Kimberly	\$21,557
105. Murtaugh	\$21,308
106. Bliss	\$21,245
108. Shoshone	\$20,132
111. Richfield	\$20,032
113. Three Creek	\$19,256

Source: Division of Financial Management, based on Department of Education data.

state to force more cash into the aid package. He wants to know if his plan will solve the legal problem.

Simpson and Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg both said they would attend, but each was miffed by the short notice. Andrus gave them less than 24 hours.

The education largesse in the governor's budget, propelled by the lawsuit, was possible because of projections that the economy is producing tax revenue at a pace faster than many analysts thought possible a year ago.

Administration economists, who had projected general tax receipts for the current year would increase just 6.3 percent, now forecast an increase of nearly 11 percent. That will create an \$80 million one-time cash surplus.

And their projection for the new budget year was a full percentage point higher than previous estimates. The anticipated 8.9 percent increase will push tax revenue to nearly \$1.26 billion.

Combining with the surplus, that allowed Andrus to cover some additional bills in the current budget, send \$27 million into public works projects, deposit nearly \$6 million in the budget reserve account and still come up with a 1995 budget that totals nearly \$1.29 billion.

That exceeds this year's spending by more than \$180 million and will require the cap on annual state spending increases to be raised.

The state spends another \$1.7 billion in federal and other funds.

If that spending cap is not raised - and there was some legislative resistance - \$20 million will have to be cut from the governor's plan.

In addition to the increase in education aid, Andrus put together a health care package that would expand Medicaid coverage to people - mostly children - who are not poor enough to qualify now. In exchange, the state will pay nearly \$11 million this year and next in catastrophic health care bills run up by the poor.

# Gay

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campaign for attorney general today.

Lawrence's reference was to the Idaho Citizens Alliance's initiative, which would go much further in restricting gay-rights laws at the state and local level and preventing public money from being spent to "promote, make acceptable, or express approval of homosexuality."

The ICA, headed by Burley contractor Kelly Walton, is trying to gather 22,061 petition signatures by July to place its measure on the November ballot. It claims to have

gathered more than half the signatures.

That, said Sen. Stan Hawkins, R-Ucon, indicates the idea of excluding gay men and lesbians from the protection of civil-rights laws has considerable support.

"You've got people in the Legislature who'd just rather bury their heads in the sand," the outspoken conservative said. "But I think it's obvious that there's enough public interest in this that the Legislature can legitimately consider it."

Hawkins is still drafting his bill.

He said it would "address the same concerns" as the ICA initiative, "but if you lay them side by side there'll be some pretty significant differences."

Hawkins said he hopes to finish work on his measure within 10 days, so he can introduce it as a "personal bill" - meaning he wouldn't have to run it past a committee before introducing it.

House Speaker Mike Simpson, R-Blackfoot, said he hadn't put pressure on Lane to not introduce his gay-rights bill.

Simpson, who opposes the ICA initiative, said he hasn't polled GOP House members on the gay-rights issue, but feels they'd prefer to leave it alone.

"I think the majority would just as soon let the initiative proceed and let the people of Idaho vote on it, rather than create all this legislative time," Simpson said.

A battle over gay rights wouldn't paralyze the Legislature, he said, but "I think it would change to the detriment the focus of this legislative session, which is education and education reform."

## Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Department of Transportation reported rain and fog in northern Idaho, snow in southeastern Idaho and ice and snow on highways at higher elevations statewide Wednesday.

Road conditions:

- U.S. 95 - Riggins-Whitebird Hill, wet, ice spots; Donnelly-Nevada Meadows, wet, raining; Weiser-New Meadows, wet, icy, fog, falling rocks; Marsing-Oregon line, dry, wet, fog.
- Interstate 84 - Oregon line-Mountain Home, dry, wet, fog; Mountain Home-Idaho Falls, dry, wet; Bliss-Utah line, dry.
- Idaho 55 - Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, wet, icy spots; Donnelly-New Meadows, icy, fog.
- Idaho 21 - Boise-Idaho City, wet, icy spots, fog, deer feeding; Idaho City-Banner Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor.

- U.S. 20 - Mountain Home-Fairfield, dry, wet, icy spots; Fairfield-Carey, dry, wet, icy spots; Fairfield-Idaho Falls, dry, wet, icy spots.
- U.S. 20 - Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, icy, broken snow floor, dry.
- Idaho 51 - Dry, wet.
- U.S. 93 - Nevada line-Arco, dry; Arco-Salmson, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor; Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor.
- Idaho 75 - Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, snow floor.
- Interstate 86 - Dry.
- Interstate 15 - Utah line-Pocatello, wet, icy spots; Malad Pass, dry, wet; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, dry, Idaho Falls-Dubois, wet, icy spots, broken snow floor; Monida Pass, icy spots, fog.
- U.S. 30 - McCammon-Wyoming line, dry, wet, moving.

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Twin Falls, 736-3072; Boise, 336-6600; Pocatello 232-1426; Idaho Falls 522-5164; Utah 801-964-6000; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

## Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) - Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in the Powerball game are:

2-4-6-15-34; Powerball 20 (two, four, six, fifteen, thirty-four; Powerball 20).

Estimated jackpot: \$14.1 million.

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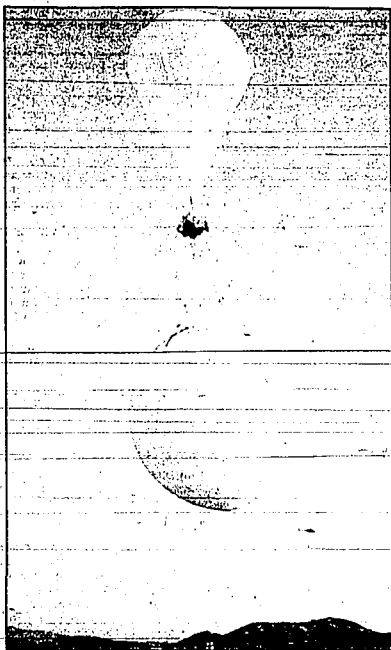
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## Short flight



A helium balloon that was supposed to fly around the world with three people encountered a valve problem and landed near Tranquility, Calif., Wednesday after floating about 200 miles. It was the fourth time the Earthwinds Hilton has attempted the venture — and failed. Organizers would not say if the \$7 million project will be scrapped.

# Lorena Bobbitt tells of abuse

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — Lorena Bobbitt nearly broke down on the witness stand Wednesday as she described how her husband repeatedly beat her during their marriage and forced her to perform various sexual acts against her will.

Mrs. Bobbitt, who is on trial on charges of malicious wounding for cutting off her husband's penis, testified about a series of beatings she said her husband inflicted on her shortly after their marriage in June 1989.

At one point in afternoon testimony, Mrs. Bobbitt nearly broke down in tears on the stand as her defense lawyer asked her whether her husband had ever forced her to have anal sex.

Mrs. Bobbitt testified that he forced her to have anal sex against her will and that the sex act left her bleeding. Every time they had sex after that, she said, he would threaten her with anal sex.

"He would say he would like to have that kind of sex. I would hope to try not to let it happen again," said Mrs. Bobbitt, an Ecuadorian native who speaks with a trace of a Spanish accent.

In earlier testimony, Mrs. Bobbitt said that her husband had shown no signs of violence before their marriage and would "quickly calm down" if another person arrived on the scene.

Mrs. Bobbitt, 24, is charged with malicious wounding. If convicted, the maniacist could get up to 20 years in prison and be deported.

The defense has called a series of witnesses in an effort to show that Mrs. Bobbitt was subjected to years of sexual, physical and verbal abuse



Lorena Bobbitt testifies Wednesday during the third day of her trial in Manassas, Va., on a charge of maliciously wounding her husband.

that caused an "irresistible impulse" to maim her husband early on June 23.

She claims she cut off her husband's penis with a kitchen knife only after he sexually assaulted her.

Bobbitt, 26, was acquitted last year of that charge. He has denied forcing her to have sex that night or ever abusing her, saying she often scratched, kicked and hit him.

Mrs. Bobbitt said her husband could become violent without warning. During a trip to a Maryland

beach, she testified, Bobbitt got angry when some men whistled at her and a woman companion.

"John came toward me, he grabbed me and pulled me by the hair. He said, 'What are you doing?' He was very upset, very mad," she said. Bobbitt immediately ordered everyone to the car to go home, not even allowing the women to change from their bathing suits, Mrs. Bobbitt said.

On the trip back, she said, she had to sit in the front seat next to him and he kept poking her and pulling her hair. "I was just looking out the window, out the side, but he thought I was looking at guys."

Another time, Mrs. Bobbitt said, her husband became angry after they couldn't get into a restaurant because of improper attire. They went to a bar instead and on the way home Bobbitt was speeding, she said.

When she asked him to slow down and grabbed the steering wheel, she said, "He punched me ... I was scared, I guess, for the rest of the people" on the highway.

Mrs. Bobbitt also talked about her upbringing, saying she is from "a regular, loving Catholic family."

She said she was raised with strict Catholic values opposed to premarital sex, abortion and divorce. Her family "wouldn't allow" divorce, she said, while she believed divorce would be "a humiliation ... a shame."

Mrs. Bobbitt also described how she met Bobbitt at an enlisted men's club on the Quantico Marine Corps Base where he was stationed, how they dated for 10 months and how he proposed to her when she was 19 in front of her mother.

"I was in love with him. To me he represented everything. That was the beginning of starting my family here in the United States. ... It was like the beginning of my dream," she said. As for him, she said, she felt "he was in love with me."

Earlier, a neighbor of the Bobbitts testified that he heard the couple having sex and a woman's screams of pain on the morning Bobbitt's penis was cut off.

"The woman was screaming, it sounded to me in pain," neighbor Mike Dibble testified. "She would scream out every few seconds."

Under cross-examination by prosecutor Paul B. Ebert, Dibble acknowledged he did not report the screaming to police until after he had talked about it on national television.

Ebert also asked Dibble whether his girlfriend screams during sex. "On occasion," Dibble replied.

"Would she scream loud enough for other people to hear?" Ebert said.

"I wouldn't know," Dibble said. Dr. Sue Inman testified that Bobbitt laughed at his wife when she complained of respiratory problems during a visit to the physician.

"I thought it was unusual he was laughing at her for being sick," Ms. Inman said.

She said Mrs. Bobbitt also complained that her husband forced her to have sex but that she was not beaten.

On Tuesday, witnesses testified that Bobbitt liked rough sex and slapped his wife around in front of others.

"He said he liked to make girls squirm and yell, make them bleed," Jonathan Whitaker testified.

## Agents tell of Koresh's 'army' in cult trial

The Washington Post

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — David Koresh and his disciples were so well-armed and well-trained in their "theology of death" that when federal agents arrived at the compound near Waco on Feb. 28, bullets bounced off the helmets of oncoming agents, first-aid bags were shot from the hands of medics, and guns protruded from nearly every window, the lead prosecutor in the Branch Davidian murder trial said Wednesday.

"During the course of the trial, we will put a firm emphasis on everyone's hand," Assistant U.S. Attorney Ray John told the jury of eight women and four men. "We will show you they were not mere biblical students. ... We will show you the physical acts of an army."

In opening arguments, John and defense attorneys painted a sharply

contrasting portrait of the 10 men and one woman charged in the deaths of four federal agents.

To the prosecution, the defendants are single-minded warriors who prepared for 10 months and spent more than \$225,000 on the most high-powered "weapons of war and devices of death." To the defense, they are a collection of individuals bound by a devotion to Bible study and an interest in Christian music, hardly qualifying as the fierce "Mighty Men" who allegedly stood armed and ready at Koresh's side.

"We expect the prosecution to say they're all the same," said attorney Dan Cogdell, who represents defendant Clive Doyle. "These people were not robots. They were not machines. ... The prosecution uses buzz words like 'Mighty Men'."

With that, Cogdell urged Doyle, 53, a slight, bespectacled native of

Australia, to rise. "We expect evidence to show he's about as mighty as Don Knotts." The reference to the actor who played the skittish deputy on "The Andy Griffith Show" drew laughter from the packed courtroom.

The opening arguments in the tightly guarded trial provided the first opportunity to gauge how the two sides expect to present their cases.

John told the court he plans to use a scale model showing the prairie compound and will produce electronic surveillance tapes of conversations overheard inside on April 19, the day FBI agents moved in with tear gas to end the 51-day standoff and an immense fire destroyed the buildings. The remains of 85 people, including Koresh, who was shot in the head, were found in the ruins. The government contends that Koresh ordered the final fire. In addition to the phrases

"spread the fuel" and "start the fire," John said jurors would hear a Branch Davidian supposedly joke to another in those last moments, "Well, you always wanted to be a charcoal briquette."

For the first time, John also said he can prove that the Branch Davidians not only killed the four federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents during the Feb. 28 shootout but also "put their own wounded out of their misery ... executed by fellow Branch Davidians."

Authorities have said six of Koresh's men carried the bodies of the slain agents to the initial raid. John also said that a couple of days into the siege, Koresh feared he would die from wounds he had received in the shootout and planned for his body to be carried outside in a body-trapped stretcher that would explode and kill federal agents ringing the compound.

## Report: Head Start should expand, improve quality

WASHINGTON (AP) — Head Start should improve the quality of its preschool program while expanding to reach younger children, beginning at birth, a federal committee recommended Wednesday.

The advisory committee also said Head Start should reach more of the 1.8 million eligible children ages 3 and 4, only about 40 percent of them are served — and extend its hours to full-day and year-round to help working parents.

Head Start also must address low staff salaries and inadequate facilities, said the 47-member bipartisan committee of Head Start experts, advocates, congressional and administration officials.

The report makes clear "that we don't just pour money into the Head Start program" without trying to improve its quality. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said at a news conference.

"At a time when many of this nation's children and their families face poverty and teen pregnancy, joblessness and violence, Head Start has to adapt to keep pace," Shalala said.

Shalala, who appointed the task force in June, said she intends to use the report to "guide Head Start into the 21st century."

But the sweeping recommendations led committee member Douglas J. Besharov, a scholar with the American Enterprise Institute, think tank, to say that the committee "has acted as if cost is no object."

The task force report didn't address the price of the reforms.

Since it began in 1965 as a comprehensive early childhood education and development program, Head Start has served more than 13 million children. It serves a few ages 3 and 5, but most are 4-year-olds. The majority are from low-income homes.

In 1993, the program served approx-

imately 721,000 children through a network of 36,300 classrooms and nearly 600 home visiting programs.

Spending on the program totals \$3.326 billion this year, and Shalala said President Clinton's 1995 budget would propose a substantial increase for Head Start.

But despite a steadily growing budget, the quality of the program is

uneven and it is strained by the needs of the country's low-income families, failing to reach many of them.

In its report, the advisory committee says the "overwhelming majority" of its members favor expanding Head Start services to families with younger children. Other advisory committee members, however, believe more study is needed.

## Briefly

### Fixed Hubble can see black holes now

ARLINGTON, Va. — The repaired Hubble Space Telescope has vision keen enough to finally prove the existence of black holes by measuring the velocity of stars being sucked into the center of galaxies, experts say.

Astronomers at a national meeting of the American Astronomical Society said the December space shuttle mission to correct the blurred vision of the \$1.6 billion Hubble has been successful and the orbiting telescope will soon be able to conduct an unprecedented search for black holes.

"The search for black holes is a top priority for the Hubble space telescope and our efforts have been frustrated by the (blurred image)," said Gary Bower of the Space Telescope Institute.

Asked if the repair effort corrected Hubble's view sufficiently to now prove the existence of black holes, Bower said, "Yes, it will."

### Feds approve Colorado welfare plan

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration gave Colorado permission Wednesday to remove welfare recipients from the rolls after two years if they refuse to take a job or training.

The five-year experiment will give welfare families financial incentives to go to work and provide them cash instead of food stamps to try food. They also will be allowed to build up more savings, own a car outright and get bonuses when their children graduate from high school or earn an equivalency diploma.

"We've tried to design a rational system that will help people get off welfare and then stay off welfare," Gov. Roy Romer said in Denver.

### Rock thrown from overpass kills driver

MIAMI, Okla. — A motorist was killed after a rock thrown from an overpass crashed through her car's windshield and struck her in the head. Sheila Rene Mayfield's grandmother — a passenger — managed to regain control of the car.

The grandmother, Velta Ball, 66, and the victim's sister, Shelly Wells — also a passenger — were treated for head injuries at a hospital and released. Mayfield, 25, of Jasper, Mo., was killed Tuesday night as she drove on the Will Rogers Turnpike in northeastern Oklahoma, near the Missouri line.

### Rat tests reveal possible spine treatment

NEW YORK — Scientists have developed a treatment that helps severed spinal nerves in rats sprout new fibers, a result experts called encouraging for prospects of treating spinal cord injury.

Rats with severed nerves were treated with one substance to encourage sprouting plus another to help the fibers lengthen, and preliminary tests indicate the rats recovered some abilities, researchers said.

The work is one of two studies on spinal cord injury in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature. In the other, Japanese scientists report that newborn rats with severed spinal cords showed virtually normal function after they were given nerve tissue transplants.

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# Records prove military injected patients with radioactive matter

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first documented evidence of U.S. military involvement in human radiation experiments, Navy records show that researchers in 1945 injected two hospital patients with a radioactive compound to study how quickly the poisonous "compound" would be excreted from their bodies.

It had been widely assumed, following recent Energy Department disclosures of its Cold War-era radiation testing on humans, that the Defense Department did some of its own. But the Navy test is the first example to come to light.

The experiment, as described in April 1946, written report by the researchers, was intended mainly to verify a novel technique for measuring the rate at which the human blood and organs would rid themselves of antimony, a highly poisonous chemical element then used to attack killer-parasites.

The researchers wrote that theirs was the first test of its kind on humans.

Unlike experiments that have come to light from the Energy Department and elsewhere, the Navy experiment did not appear to be part of the government's effort to learn how radiation affected humans. Rather it was used in this case mainly as a tool to help understand the use of antimony as a treatment for parasites.

Still, it is not clear whether the two

test subjects, described by the researchers as volunteers, were told they were being injected with radioactive substances.

The names were not given but one subject, designated B-1, was described as 20 years old, not bedridden but apparently suffering from elephantiasis of the testicles, a chronic condition caused by the presence of a parasite in the lymphatic system. He apparently was a member of the military, but no other identifying information was provided in the report. There was no description of the other male subject.

The report was reviewed by The Associated Press at the Naval Medical Research Institute, which sponsored the experiment. The two subjects were patients at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md.

Limited information made public so far has indicated that besides the Energy Department, the Veterans Administration and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration had a hand in Cold War-era radiation experiments using humans. The CIA has said it so far has no indication that it was involved, although it has acknowledged it used humans in chemical warfare experiments.

Officials at the Naval Medical Research Institute initially told the AP their review of available records had turned up no evidence of human

experimentation involving radiation. But when asked later about the 1945 test, Capt. Robert Gaugler, the institute's scientific administrator and acting commander, said the report would be submitted to a Clinton administration group that is assembling all available records on human radiation tests.

Gaugler said most of the institute's work with radiation is believed to have used animals rather than humans as test subjects. An AP review of records available at the institute this week seemed to bear that out. The institute was created in October 1942 to solve medical problems arising in World War II.

A program of research on biological effects of radiation was begun at the institute in 1945, according to archival documents at the office of the Director of Naval Medicine. The program, described as "a serious scientific study of radiation effects upon man and mammals for the naval service," was phased out with the establishment of an unspecified organization — possibly the Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory — devoted specifically to radiation work. Gaugler said that because of the passage of time and the limited information in the April 1946 report, he saw no realistic chance that either the test subjects or the researchers could be tracked down to provide more details.

# Lone pilot protects 91st Bomb Group against German fire

Knight-Ridder News Service

On Jan. 11, 1944, the 8th Air Force made the first deep penetration raid into Germany using fighter protection.

The 8th was now under the command of Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, the man who had led the "forten hope" of 16 B-25s against Tokyo 20 months before.

Times had changed. For this day's work, three bomber divisions totalling 527 B-17 and 136 B-24 heavy bombers were dispatched against some 10 industrial targets. As escort, 49 P-47, 49 P-38 and 44 P-51 fighters were to rotate coverage along the route of the bombers with the longer-ranged P-38 Lightnings and P-51 Mustangs providing the protection over the targets.

The German Luftwaffe gave the bombers a strong reception, shooting down 60 despite the best efforts of the fighter escorts.

The battle over Osnabrueck was particularly heavy. The lead bomber, of the 91st Bomb Group, lost an engine and the pilot and copilot were both wounded by cannon shells that exploded in the cockpit. But the bomber flew on to the target and returned. Thirteen other bombers on this raid were lost. Yet the aircraft factory below was hit hard.

The 91st Bomb Group took such heavy losses because it lacked ade-



quate friendly fighter protection. Only a single P-51 appeared, that of Maj. James H. Howard, who was commanding the 354th Fighter Group, the only operational P-51 unit.

Howard had become separated from his group after it had rendezvoused with the rear bomber boxes. His unit dove into a swarm of Germans and in the ensuing dogfight, he suddenly found himself alone.

He flew on ahead when he saw the lead box under assault by 20 to 30 enemy aircraft. The enemy included twin-engine Me-109 Destroyers as well as single-engine Me-109s and Fw-190 fighters. Rather than use up precious time waiting for reinforcements, Howard roared alone into this uneven battle.

He first jumped a twin-engine Me-110. "I went down after him," recalled Howard, "gave him a squirt and watched him crash. He stood out

very clearly silhouetted against the snow. ... After that a Focke Wulf came cruising along beneath me. ... I gave him a squirt and almost ran into his canopy when he threw it off to get out."

He then entered a lengthy dogfight with an Me-109. Though he scored several hits, the enemy got away. He then chased another Me-109 away from a P-51.

Climbing back to the bombers, he spotted a Me-110. He hit him several times, and the Me-110 flipped and went down trailing smoke. His next target was an Me-109, which also went down trailing smoke after Howard let him have several "squirts."

Five of Howard's six guns had jammed, a problem with the early P-51s whose ammunition belts would often be thrown out of alignment by high-speed maneuvers. He had also been in combat for an hour, all that his fuel supply would allow. So when a twin-engine Do-217 rocket-firing destroyer appeared, he made a pass to scare him away but could not pursue or shoot.

Howard's own report on the battle was routine, but the jubilant reports from the bomber crews who had watched this lone fighter charge into such a large enemy force were enough to earn Howard the Medal of Honor — the only fighter pilot to win this top award.

# Woman arrives at all-male Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The gates of The Citadel opened to a woman armed with a court order Wednesday.

But after Shannon Faulkner registered to take day classes, the nation's top judge blocked her from attending them.

At the request of the 151-year-old military college, Chief Justice William Rehnquist granted a stay to keep the 18-year-old student from attending classes today.

The Citadel and Virginia Military Institute are the nation's only all-male, state-supported military colleges. Admissions policies at both are the target of federal lawsuits.

Ms. Faulkner, who plans to major in education, walked several hundred yards through a driving rain and a horde of reporters to register in Bond Hall, the turfed administration building that dominates one end of The Citadel's parade ground. "I didn't expect all of this and I didn't really expect to be here," Ms. Faulkner said as she advanced through the crush to meet her academic adviser, register and pay tuition. "I actually expected the battle to be a lot longer."

She said she was treated nicely by college officials and signed up for biology, math, English, history and education. But she said she felt "overwhelmed" by the attention.

# Canadian general warns U.S. troops at great risk in hot spots

Chicago-Tribune

TORONTO — Former Canadian Forces Maj. Gen. Lewis MacKenzie is warning the United States to stay off the front lines of post-Cold War peacekeeping operations.

MacKenzie, a veteran U.N. peacekeeper whose heroics made a difference in Bosnia in 1992, is convinced that America's status as the world's last superpower puts its soldiers at greater risk than those of any other nation.

"You don't get your picture on the cover of Newsweek by killing Canadians," MacKenzie said of soldiers, militiamen and guerrillas in other lands. "You've got to kill Americans."

And killing Americans would force Washington to commit even more forces to a conflict, he reasons.

MacKenzie, now writing a book and giving media analyses in Toronto, offered his assessment on

the eve of the NATO summit in Brussels at which the Bosnian war was a prime topic.

On Tuesday, NATO leaders threatened greater intervention by renewing vows to use air strikes against Serbs to force open an airport in Tuzla and to get help to a besieged U.N. peacekeeping group in Srebrenica.

With conflicts multiplying around the globe, peacekeeping troops are more often faced with deadly situations these days and American forces are in greater demand.

But after the political and public outrage sparked when U.S. peacekeepers got mired and even killed in Somalia, President Clinton has been reluctant to put Americans at risk in other conflicts from Bosnia to Haiti.

Middle powers such as Canada, which has contributed the most to U.N. peacekeeping efforts, are playing an even bigger role now.

MacKenzie recalled how, at the start of the Bosnian conflict in 1992, soldiers of the beleaguered Muslim-led government would fire on U.N. troops and blame the Serbian enemy in hope of drawing the United States into the war on the Muslim side.

MacKenzie quoted Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic as openly declaring that he wanted Americans involved because dead Americans would bring more direct U.S. intervention.

The general is not dismissing the urgent need for U.S. help.

"There's so much the Americans can do to assist (the U.N.) in logistics, the strategic, the tactical, the communications and the satellite imagery and all of those things," he said.

"But don't put your troops on the line of confrontation, because you put them at such an increased risk compared to any other nation in the world," MacKenzie added.

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## Idaho

## Briefly

## Craig urges Reno action on cleanup

COEUR D'ALENE — Idaho Sen. Larry Craig wants U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to move to protect public interests threatened by the fact that Gulf USA Corp. was allowed to shield \$250 million from use in covering its responsibilities in the Bunker Hill smelter cleanup.

Craig called Gulf's financial maneuvering madness and urged Reno to intervene.

"Idahoans need to know why Gulf was allowed to move assets to New Zealand, possibly enabling it to avoid responsibility under the Superfund law," the Republican senator said.

Democratic Congressman Larry LaRocco also expressed concern over Gulf's revelation that the money may have landed in untraceable Swiss accounts, potentially leaving Bunker Hill pensioners high and dry.

## Public TV program elicits some calls

IDAHO FALLS — Scenes of female nudity and homosexual men in bed in the Public Broadcasting System's "Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City" are generating a few calls from Idaho viewers, network officials say.

Anti-pornography advocates in eastern Idaho say they have not seen the program, but in general terms object to such shows on the publicly funded system.

Idaho Public Television program director Ron Pisaneschi said he has received a "modest amount" of calls about the three-night program. Wednesday's episode was the last.

By late Tuesday afternoon, KISU in Pocatello had received eight calls. All but one were complaints. Boise station KATD received 18 calls, 11 of them against the program, Pisaneschi said.

## Dead boy's mom calls for more testing

COEUR D'ALENE — The mother of a boy who died of the rodent-borne hantavirus said she hopes officials will test more than just the immediate family.

Janice Geary said Panhandle Health District has been doing the testing. Her husband and one of her son's friends were to be tested Tuesday. But she said health officials have refused to test close friends whom she fears may have been exposed to the virus.

Geary said two friends who helped her clean her house may be at risk, as well as another close friend of her son. "I don't understand why these other people aren't being tested," Geary said on Tuesday.

Geary's 14-year-old son, Dyne-Phillips, died in October from what was first diagnosed as kidney failure. Further tests indicated his death was caused by the hantavirus associated with exposure to the droppings of deer mice.

## Guilty plea draws possible 15 years

COEUR D'ALENE — A Coeur d'Alene man who attempted to hypnotize, then molested, a 16-year-old Hauser girl on Nov. 11 faces up to 15 years in prison.

Jeffrey Wade Shook, 41, pleaded guilty Tuesday to sexual battery of a child, a felony.

Shook had faced a possible life term, but the state amended the sexual battery charge in exchange for a guilty plea to a count that includes a lighter sentence, chief criminal prosecutor Lansing Haynes said.

A public defender said Shook be psychologically examined at county expense prior to being sentenced March 1. He remains in the Kootenai County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

Compiled from wire reports

## Idahoan launches GOP bid for Congress

BOISE (AP) — Seven years after narrowly losing a bid for governor, David Leroy said Wednesday that he is the Republican with the best chance of beating two-term Democratic Congressman Larry LaRocco.

"The Republican field is going to be a very exciting, progressive and useful one. I think the difference between myself and the Republican field is I can win in November," the former lieutenant governor and attorney general said in formally launching his candidacy in Boise.

He planned another announcement in Coeur d'Alene later Wednesday before an initial three-day campaign swing through the 1st Congressional District.

Leroy said he decided to enter the GOP primary because "I was reasonably certain that some of those other candidates could not be successful, because I was implored to make this race by a number of people, and

## Officials decry wait before execution

BOISE (AP) — Department of Correction Director James Spalding said Wednesday about the only glitch as Idaho carried out its first execution in 36 years was the wait as attempts to stop it ran their course.

Double murderer Keith Eugene Wells was scheduled to die at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 6. He was strapped to a table in the death chamber when the U.S. Supreme Court ordered a delay just three minutes before he was to receive a lethal injection.

The execution was allowed to proceed at 12:40 a.m. after the court rejected appeals raised by lawyers over Wells' objections. He was pronounced dead at 12:50 a.m.

"Probably the most trying part of the process was the delays created by the United States Supreme Court," Spalding told the Idaho Board of Correction as it critiqued the execution.

"I think it's totally unacceptable for the inmate to be lying there for 40 minutes, and expecting that per-

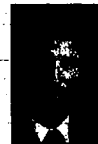
son to hold together," Spalding said. Wells demanded to be executed for the December 1990 beating deaths of a man and woman in a Boise tavern. But Spalding said he feared even someone willing to die might change their mind under such circumstances unless, like Wells, they had "some good religious support."

Board of Correction Chairman Nick Miller of Boise said such delays probably are inevitable in death penalty cases. But Idaho Maximum Security Institution Warden Arvon Arave, who supervised Wells' execution, said something should be done to avoid moving condemned inmates into the death chamber until all last-minute court challenges are resolved.

Still, Spalding said he was "extremely proud" of how Department of Correction personnel carried out the execution.

"It was done in a manner consistent with all our expectations and with policy," he said.

## On the issues



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On the issues, David Leroy said he would work to:

- Cap federal spending across the board, requiring the identification of budget savings for every new expenditure.
- Reform Congress, focusing on structural changes in the complex committee system proposed by last year's freshman class in the House.
- Ensure no wilderness legislation for Idaho is approved unless it protects state water rights and private property rights, provides that land not designated wilderness be released for multiple use, and that there be no net loss of jobs.

nessman Bob Wheeler, and political unknowns Phil Summa of Boise and Sonny Kinsey of Rathdrum.

But Leroy said his campaign experience, including a 3,635-vote loss to Democrat Cecil Andrus in the 1986 race for governor, will help him break away from the field before the May primary.

"In the last week we've had a number of Republicans that indicated early interest in other candidacies come to our support," he said. "I'm very grateful for that, and I expect to see more and more of it as time goes on."

Leroy said LaRocco has failed to represent Idaho interests in the tradition of former U.S. Sen. James McClure, who had the 1st District seat before being elected to the Senate.

Leroy said he learned the virtues of fiscal restraint and working to reduce government as a summer intern with McClure in 1967.

"The 1st District does not now have that type of distinguished and effective representation," he said.

Leroy said he had talked to GOP Sens. Larry Craig and Dirk Kempthorne, but that he did not expect them to take sides in the congressional primary.

He said he expects the primary campaign to cost about \$150,000, and the entire race about \$800,000.

Leroy spent 2½ years as federal nuclear waste negotiator before resigning at the request of the Clinton administration last summer. He resumed his Boise law practice and has worked as a consultant in the nuclear waste industry since then.

He spent four years as Ada County prosecutor before being elected attorney general in 1978 and lieutenant governor four years later. He had no opposition for the 1986 Republican nomination for governor.

And after three statewide campaigns, Leroy also said he knows the entire western and northern Idaho district very well.

"No one loves Idaho, or understands Idaho, any better than I do," he said. "I grew up in Lewiston, I was educated in Moscow, spent summers on the lake in Coeur d'Alene. I've had the benefit of living and working from a Boise base as a statewide official on north Idaho issues."

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## Fire officials investigate lodge blaze

LOWMAN (AP) — South Fork Lodge owner Ellen Shaw, with state fire marshals, searched through the charred remains of the Lowman business destroyed by fire earlier this week.

Officials are continuing the investigation into the cause of the explosion and fire on Monday. The two-story building was the center of life for the 100 year-round residents of Lowman. The log structure included a bar, bake shop, liquor store, post office, grocery store, and restaurant.

Shaw said she didn't know the value of the structure, parts of which were built around the turn of the century.

"The lodge wasn't worth very much structurally. I think its value was in the hearts of the people," Shaw said. "People came to be married and divorced, to go to family reunions and to the bathroom."

Shaw said she canceled her fire insurance on the building in March 1993 because she no longer could afford it. According to court records, Shaw filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 1985. Chapter 11 protects a financially troubled business from creditors while it works on a reorganization plan. In April 1993, she filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy, which requires a plan for debt payment. A judge dismissed the case in November.

"It has not been a real profitable business. It's been pretty tough in the last few years," Shaw said. "We run a public service here, and the financial benefit of that is very minimal."

Shaw said the fire didn't touch the service station and motel rooms, and those will remain open. Shaw lives in a trailer behind the lodge.

## Reward fund grows from private giving

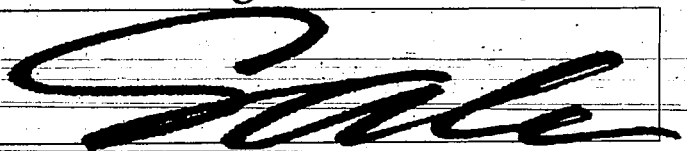
LOWMAN (AP) — The reward fund has grown for information on the shot to death of a dog trapped in a U.S. Forest Service out-house last month.

Phone calls of additional financial support have poured into the U.S. Forest Service-Lowman Ranger District office since news last week of the shooting death of a husky-type dog locked in a campground out-house.

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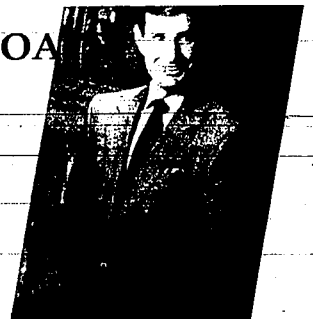
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## World

# President must balance interests on summit trip



By Barry Schweid  
The Associated Press

**KIEV, Ukraine** — On his way to an uncertain summit in Moscow, President Clinton stopped in Ukraine Wednesday to support a new agreement to eliminate that nation's long-range nuclear arsenal.

After an airport meeting to tip his hat to Ukrainian President Leonid M. Kravchuk, Clinton was flying to Moscow for the summit where he said his "urgent task" would be to press for reform and against growing nationalism.

There will be meetings with Russian President Boris Yeltsin on Thursday and Friday for Clinton, who on the first two days of his trip won NATO approval for his "partnership for peace" proposal to strengthen ties with former communist adversaries and then gained reluctant approval from the leaders of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The quickly added Ukrainian stop was designed to persuade a reluctant parliament that the United States will remain sensitive to the former Soviet republic's economic plight as Ukraine implements its pledge to get rid of the weapons — and gives up the leverage they provide.

It's a tricky bit of diplomacy for Clinton, who has publicly brushed off as traditional political posturing the parliament's determination to have its own say about the denuclearization accord Kravchuk approved this week.

The agreement will provide Ukraine \$177 million from a congressional fund to help former Soviet republics dismantle their missiles, \$155 million in direct U.S. aid and up to \$1 billion over 20 years from commercial sale of uranium extracted from the warheads.

When he visited Moscow 24 years ago, President Clinton would have been hard-pressed to find a fast-food restaurant. Now he can jog by and stop at any of three McDonald's in the Russian capital.

## Clinton returns to a much different Russian capital

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Twenty-four years ago, a tall, bearded student got off the train from Helsinki and made his way to the faded comforts of the National Hotel near Red Square.

It was a cold, clear New Year's Eve.

Bill Clinton, a young Oxford scholar on holiday, was making his first trip to Moscow. He is returning, this time as the American president, to a far-different city.

Back then, the contrast between the forbidding Soviet capital and the turn-of-the-century home must have struck him.

The Beatles were still together and Jimi Hendrix was still alive. Movies like "Easy Rider" demarcated the ragged edges of the generation gap.

Just-ended 1969 had been the year America put a man on the moon, the year of Woodstock, of massive demonstrations against the war in Vietnam. The Cold War was in full force. No American president had ever set foot in Moscow.

When the 23-year-old Arkansas traveler got off the train in Moscow, he stepped through a looking glass. The Soviet Union was a depressed, repressed-police-state — a reverse image of the tumultuous West.

Clinton was in Moscow only a few days. He said he visited a friend of a friend, toured the city, met other Americans staying at the National.

Political foes tried to portray the trip as something sinister during the 1992 campaign — old news now.

Moscow presented a hard surface, a facade of enforced stability. Behind the Kremlin walls, Leonid Brezhnev was consolidating his grip on power. "Jeans and rock records were black market items, prized symbols of the West. "Dr. Zhivago," Boris Pasternak's tale of love amid revolution and civil war, was banned.

It was the year the Writers Union expelled the nation's greatest living novelist, Alexander Solzhenitsyn. The long persecution of dissident Andrei Sakharov, father of the Soviet H-bomb and man of conscience, had just begun.

It also was the year an obscure Siberian construction engineer named Boris Yeltsin became a full-time Communist Party official.

The returning Clinton steps through a looking glass again. This time, he comes as president of the surviving superpower — with that Siberian engineer as his host.

The Moscow Clinton saw for the first time was a grim city, even at its holiday best. The city now is a livelier place by far — though a shabbier one.

The 1991 Soviet disintegration wrought changes ranging from the profound to the palatial.

In Red Square, the goose-stepping honor guard at Lenin's Tomb is gone. Kazan Cathedral, razed by Stalin, has been rebuilt; the Lenin Museum is closed.

If Clinton were to stroll around the city, he'd see things unimaginable a quarter-century ago: millionaires and beggars, casinos and soup kitchens.

He could stop for a snack at McDonald's or Pizza-Hut, buy a Snickers, a lottery ticket or even a microwave oven at a curbside kiosk. Without his guards, he might get mugged.

He'd have to dodge foreign cars, that clog Moscow's once-orderly streets, even zooming down the center lanes formerly reserved for the limousines of party apparatchiks. He'd see gaudy electronic billboards, costly imported goods for sale in once-dreary state shops.

Ordinary people would give him an earful, with tales of how soaring

## Clinton's schedule

Principal events for President Clinton today and Friday:

### TODAY:

11 p.m. Wednesday to 3 a.m. MST (9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Moscow time): Meetings with Russian President Boris Yeltsin at Kremlin.  
3:30 a.m. MST (1:30 p.m. Moscow): Meets with patriarch of Russian Orthodox Church at Danilovsky Monastery.  
7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. MST (5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. Moscow): Meets with political, business, cultural and ambassadorial leaders at U.S. ambassador's residence.

9:30 a.m. MST (7:30 p.m. Moscow): Private dinner at Yeltsin's dacha.

### FRIDAY:

10:30 p.m. today MST (8:30 a.m. Moscow time): Clinton places wreath at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kremlin.  
11 p.m. today MST (9 a.m. Moscow): Meeting with Yeltsin at Kremlin.  
12:45 a.m. MST (10:45 a.m. Moscow): News conference along with Yeltsin.  
5:30 a.m. MST (3:30 p.m. Moscow): Speech at Russian TV center.  
9 a.m. MST (7 p.m. Moscow): State dinner at Kremlin.

## Analysis

shared the sentiment, though he said the summit itself was significant.

"First of all, I expect the strengthening of personal contacts between Yeltsin and Clinton," he said. "Secondly, Clinton will smell the air of Russia and will understand that (the situation) here is more complex than what is perceived in the United States. And the contact here is also important for the cooperation between our countries."

Clinton himself said in Prague that in Moscow "my urgent task will be to try to continue to press the path of democracy and reform and America's support for it in Russia."

"They are a great people with a great history and a great future," he said. However, with all the change of the past two years, he said, Russia again must "define itself as a nation. I mean, after all, this is a rather new experience for them."

Russian reformers are divided; some determined to move ahead at full speed, others inclined to slow down and to soften the shock of transition to a free-market system.

"The forces of reform need to find ways to work together and to speak, if not with one voice, at least with a common message," Clinton said in Prague. He also predicted "some rough spots along the way" for the Yeltsin programs.

Within his own administration there is division on how whether Clinton should counsel Yeltsin to adopt social welfare programs.

Prices are still soaring, housing is scarce and crime is increasing.

Clinton may offer Yeltsin new financial assistance on top of the \$4 billion pledged last year for humanitarian aid, housing and privatization efforts. He also could promise to push the International Monetary Fund to release some of the \$5.5 billion in loans it has held until Russia gets its deficit under control.

Clinton's support for Yeltsin is unwavering, but he also will hedge his bets by meeting with a wide range of politicians.

Excluded, though, will be ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, who said that was fine.

"Next elections I will receive more voices (votes) than now because Mr. Clinton refused to have a meeting with me," Zhirinovskiy said.

Also, Russia, which provides Ukraine with about 96 percent of its energy, has promised to sell oil and gas at bargain rates, to join with the United States in promising not to launch a nuclear attack and to respect Ukraine's territory.

"The more people in the Ukrainian parliament hear about it, the better they will feel about it," Clinton said of the agreement at a news conference in Prague, Czech Republic, before flying to Kiev.

Many Ukrainians feel they are not getting enough attention from the United States, which has focused on Russia in dealing with the aftermath of the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Stopping in Kiev was a matter of pride and honor, said a senior U.S. official.

On Friday, Kravchuk is to join in signing the agreement in Moscow.

Clinton's summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin is even more challenging than shepherding the arms accord with Ukraine.

The trip to Moscow was planned initially to showcase U.S. support for political and economic reform. But the hardships that abrupt change have caused the Russian people — along with the growing political strength of ultranationalists — have turned Clinton's visit into a tough diplomatic test.

Expectations even from reformers are modest.

"This is a meeting of friendly presidents — that's all," Grigory Yavlinsky, leader of a pro-reform bloc in parliament, said. "What kind of concrete results can one expect today and here in Moscow?"

Yeltsin ally Mikhail Poltoranin, a deputy in the State Duma, the powerful lower chamber of parliament,

prices and crime and a collapsing social safety net have made their lives harder and scarier.

Their words might tell him why more than 14 million people voted for Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, a man some call the Russian Hitler, in the Dec. 12 parliamentary elections.

If he chatted with the people, Clinton also might begin to feel Americans aren't terribly popular anymore. Russians have seen only the most rapacious side of capitalism so far. For many, the once-forbidden fruit now tastes sour.

When Richard Nixon became the first U.S. president to visit Moscow in 1972, the Kremlin's image-making machinery lumbered into action. The city got a face lift. Buildings were demolished, streets widened and repaved, trees and flowers planted.

Since then, American presidents have regularly trekked to Moscow. The novelty has worn off. Clinton will be lucky if the snowplows are out.

## Muslims, Serbs talk cease-fire again

**SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)** — Bosnian government and Croat commanders resumed yet another round of talks Wednesday on a possible cease-fire, while fierce fighting raged in central Bosnia.

Gen. Francis Briguemont, the outgoing U.N. commander in Bosnia, invited Gen. Rasim Delic, commander of the Muslim-led Bosnian government troops, and Gen. Ante Ruso, leader of Bosnian Croat forces, to meet at the Sarajevo airport.

A United Nations statement said the two sides were ready to discuss terms of a cease-fire that could take effect Jan. 15, three days before Bosnian peace talks are scheduled in Geneva.

Progress seen in Israel, PLO talks

TABAT, Egypt (AP) — Israel and the PLO are closer to agreement on autonomy, but there is still much work to be done on security issues, a top Israeli negotiator said at the end of talks Wednesday.

Israeli delegation head Maj. Gen. Amnon Shahak said the two sides negotiating details of the autonomy pact neared consensus on earlier topics such as electricity and tourism.

He said he hoped talks would resume Monday and solve some of the more difficult security issues.

"On the security issues there is a lot to be done and hopefully next week we will continue, and we might sum up some of the subjects," Shahak said at the end of the latest round of talks, which resumed Monday in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Tabat after a two-week break.

Geneva. Delic and Ruso also agreed to discuss prisoner exchanges.

Countless cease-fires have come and gone in Bosnia, torn by a three-way civil war that has killed more than 200,000 people in 20 months.

Bosnian Muslims and Croats were once allied against Bosnia's Serb forces who rebelled when Bosnia seceded from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia. The Serbs now control

about 70 percent of Bosnia, and Croats and Muslims are sparring over most of the rest.

Croatian radio said Wednesday that the Muslim-led Bosnian army attacked Croat positions in the Lasva valley around Vitez, 30 miles northwest of Sarajevo.

Intense fighting around Vitez forced evacuation of about 60 U.N. peacekeepers from their base there.

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# Rebel uprising puts Mexico's activist priests in spotlight



Controversial Archbishop of San Cristobal de las Casas, Samuel Ruiz, celebrates Mass Sunday in the town's Santo Domingo Church. Many officials accuse Ruiz of provoking unrest.

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Roman Catholic Bishop Samuel Ruiz became an instant object of both suspicion and hope when Maya Indian rebels launched a New Year's Day uprising in southern Chiapas state.

Wealthy landowners wondered aloud if he or his priests had played a role in the rebellion that continues today. The government accused Catholic lay workers of helping organize the Zapatista National Liberation Army rebels.

And his supporters, including the impoverished Indians he has defended for decades, hoped he could play a mediating role to end the bloodshed.

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari on Wednesday declared a cease-fire and said soldiers were ordered not to fire unless they came under attack.

Ruiz said he understands why the Indians felt the need to take up arms, but he opposes the violence and denies any involvement by himself or his priests.

"There is a tendency to blame the ... religious people," Ruiz, 69, said last week in response to the government charges.

"But it is the source of the problem that has to be taken care of. The church raises the consciousness of individuals. Then, if they make a historic decision, that's their option."

Activist clergymen such as Ruiz have played

important roles throughout Latin American history as they have defended the rights of the oppressed and gained the disdain of those in power.

It was a Roman Catholic priest, Father Miguel Hidalgo, who issued the cry for Mexican independence in 1810, launching the battle that freed Mexico from Spanish rule.

During the 16th century, another Catholic priest, Bartolome de las Casas — after whom San Cristobal is named — waged a campaign against atrocities committed by the Spanish conquistadors on the native population.

The Rev. Jesus Villalobos, who runs the Don Bosco Youth Center and is parish priest to the Indians who live in the city's south side, said the church has always had an active role in Indian rights.

About 170 Indians have sought temporary refuge at the center since last week, when military planes strafed their mountain villages in an attempt to flush out rebels. No injuries or deaths were reported.

"Anywhere there are indigenous people to defend, the Mexican church tends to be more active," Villalobos said Tuesday as he stood on the stage where he had played on swings and young women in traditional dress sat in the shade, nursing their babies and chatting in their native language.

The church is also active in indigenous com-

munities in Chiapas and Oaxaca states," he added. "And a lot of people don't like that."

Because of their defense of the poor, Ruiz and his activist priests have received death threats. They've long been a thorn in the side of wealthy landholders, the government and the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party in Chiapas, one of Mexico's most impoverished and violent states.

The clergymen say they have responsibility to defend parishioners in a state where 31 percent of the 3.2 million residents are illiterate, 20 percent of the children do not attend school and one out of every four people is a non-Spanish speaking Indian.

Ruiz is hated by many government officials for his abuses of the human rights center, which documents abuses against the poor in the state infamous for its mistreatment of the Indian peasantry.

Last fall, there were rumors that the Mexican government was pressuring the Vatican to move Ruiz to another region. News reports said the move came after Pope John Paul II visited the Yucatan in August and Ruiz gave the pontiff a pastoral document expressing concern about the PRI's alleged control of elections.

The government denied the charges. Ruiz only said that he would go wherever the church sent him.

## President Salinas declares unilateral cease-fire

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Carlos Salinas de Gortari declared a unilateral cease-fire Wednesday in southern Mexico.

He said soldiers were ordered not to fire unless they come under attack.

In a nationally televised speech, he called on the rebels to turn in their arms and promised to pardon them. There was no immediate response from the insurgents.

"Taking into account that the army has attained its first objective in its constitutional duty ... I have taken the decision to suspend all military initiatives in the state of Chiapas," Salinas said. The military said troops had taken control of all conflict zones in the state of Chiapas except for the small town of Guadalupe Tepeyac, just north of the border with Guatemala, where about

500 rebels were entrenched.

Troops were advancing toward Guadalupe Tepeyac and would be there as soon as they can repair roads destroyed by the rebels, the military said earlier in a statement. The rebels of the Zapatista National Liberation Army said they would negotiate with the government if the military stopped bombing, withdrew its soldiers and recognized their movement.

Otherwise, they threatened to carry the war to Mexico City, where bombings linked to the uprising that began New Year's Day have put the government on alert and residents on edge.

The uprising began in Chiapas, 350 miles southeast of the capital. Rebels occupied towns for days, saying they were fighting for better living conditions and an end to the

exploitation of Mexico's native Indians. They pulled back into hideouts in remote areas when the army started to move in. Officials said 107 people have died in the fighting.

In the capital, newly appointed

peace commissioner Manuel Camacho Solis met with Roman Catholic leaders from southern Mexico, including Bishop Samuel Ruiz of San Cristobal de las Casas, an outspoken defender of indigenous rights.

### Briefly

#### Major blames Libya for bombing jet

LONDON — There is no evidence that any country other than Libya was involved in the bombing of a Pan Am jumbo jet over Scotland in 1988, Prime Minister John Major said Wednesday.

Major was asked in the House of Commons about recent reports suggesting that East Germany, Syria and Iran may have been involved.

Britain and the United States have named two Libyans as suspects in the bombing, which killed all 259 people on the New York-bound flight and 11 people in Lockerbie, Scotland.

The United Nations has imposed sanctions against Libya because it has refused to extradite the suspects.

"After five years, I have to say ... that the inquiry into the bombing has not revealed any evidence that implicates any country other than Libya," Major said.

#### China, France patch-up differences

BEIJING — China and France said Wednesday they are patching up their yearlong rift with an agreement that French companies will be banned from any future arms sales to Taiwan.

In return, China will end its de facto ban on giving lucrative contracts to French companies. They lost millions of dollars in sales and a subway contract after France agreed to sell 60 Mirage fighter planes to Taiwan in late 1992.

The Mirage contract will be honored and spare parts will be delivered, French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe told a news conference in Paris. But he said the French government will not allow future sales.

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## West

## Utah town will buy, protect canyon property

PROVO, Utah (AP) — The city council has agreed to purchase 3.6 acres at the mouth of Rock Canyon for \$400,000 from developers who had intended to build condominiums on the property.

After the purchase, the city intends to build Rock Canyon Wilderness Park on the parcel. The park would include a parking lot, trailhead and sanitation and restroom facilities.

Access to the canyon would be limited to hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders. The paved roads leading to the current trailhead would be closed to motorized vehicles, which are already banned from Uinta National Forest land.

The Rock Canyon Preservation Alliance per-

suaded the council last year to impose a six-month building moratorium. The landowner, Oak Canyon Estates, had already received permission to build the condos but agreed to hold off 30 days.

In the meantime, alliance members met with city officials, including Mayor George Stewart, and decided city ownership would be best.

"I can't imagine going up there," Stewart said.

The alliance applauded Tuesday's decision. "I'm overjoyed," said Mark Clemens, group spokesman. "It's good proof that everybody recognizes the value as recreational and a municipal resource."

Stewart raised a \$50,000 private donation and

will put \$69,000 from the mayor's budget toward the purchase. The remaining \$281,000 will come from the city's general fund. "It won't put a pinch on anything from perspective," he said of the financing.

Although some council members thought the price was too high, they favored the purchase anyway. "It's the only game in town. If we don't buy it, they'll develop it. If they develop it, it's gone forever," said Councilman Jim Daley.

Councilwoman Shari Holweg doubts developers could get out of it what the city's paying. Also, she said she wants people to know the city will not be

"held hostage on land that should remain pristine."

## Old West newspaper folds

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The Sacramento Union, which until recently called itself "The Old-est Daily In The West," said Wednesday that it would close for good on Friday.

The newspaper was published daily from 1851 through last October, when it cut back to three days a week in an effort to survive.

"It is with great regret that we say we are unable to save the newspaper and turn it around,"

Ralph Daniel, whose family bought the newspaper in 1992, wrote in a front-page announcement today.

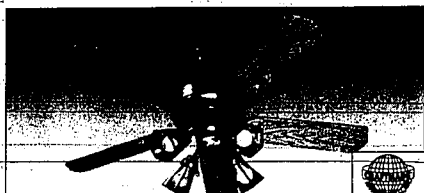
"But deteriorating economic conditions, a shrinking advertising base and other factors made this unhappy decision unavoidable," he wrote.

He said cutting the paper back to three days a week did not work because advertising revenues fell, and the family has been unable to find a buyer or investors.

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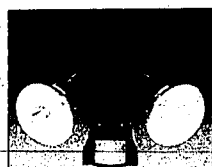


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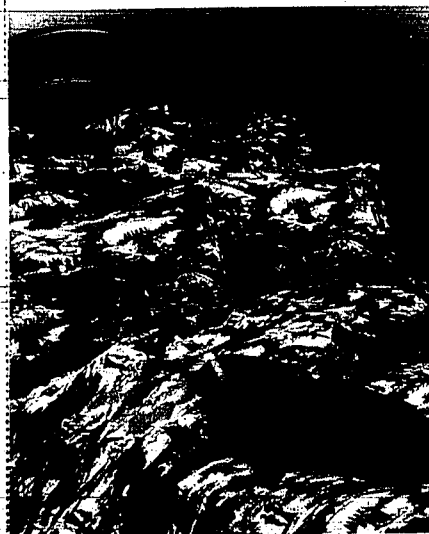
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# Opinion

## Editorial

### County's rural housing plan needs rethinking

We'll call it "Curryopolis."

Imagine: A sprawling new community between Twin Falls and Filer, with thousands of "ranchette" home-stands built along cul-de-sacs named for crops that used to grow there. Alfalfa Avenue. Bean Boulevard. Spud Circle.

Something like that is apparently what Twin Falls County planning and zoning officials have in mind. They're proposing to rezone 10 square miles, just south of Curry Crossing, from agricultural zoning to rural residential.

Let's consider for a moment the implications:

- Ten square miles. That's 6,400 acres, chopped up into parcels as small as one acre each.

- That's 6,400 irrigated acres removed from productive farming and turned into lawns and driveways.

- That's perhaps 6,000 new homes (allowing for a few hundred already there). That's a community potentially half as populous as Twin Falls, spread across an area nearly as big.

- That's maybe 5,000 to 10,000 additional cars (just a guess) commuting in and out of Twin Falls on Addison Avenue each day.

- That's who-knows-how-many miles of streets and curbs in front of all those houses. One-acre lots allow spacious yards, but they also require long stretches of asphalt.

- All those homes will need power lines and telephone cable — all made more costly by the distances between homes.

- And they'll need 6,000 wells and 6,000 septic tanks. Providing city water and sewer service to those far-flung neighborhoods would simply be too expensive.

Without doubt, Curryopolis will

#### Hearing set tonight

The county rezoning proposal will be the subject of a public hearing at 7:30 this evening in the County Office Building, 246 Third Ave. E.

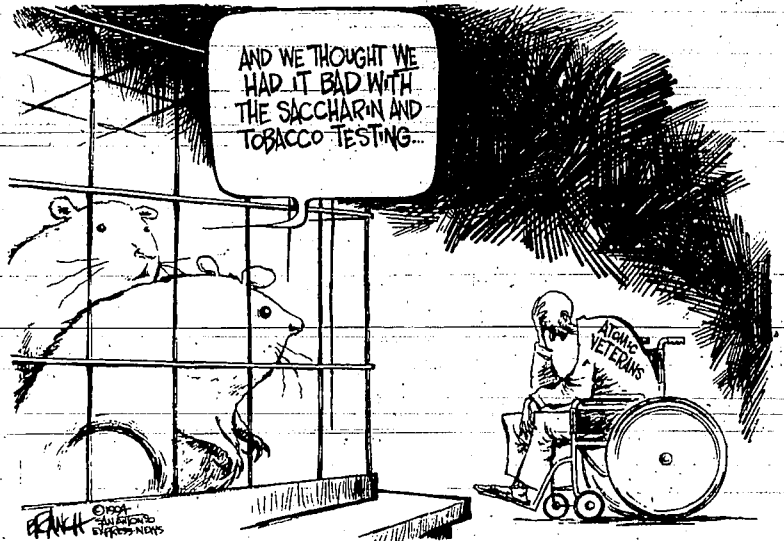
make some people happy and some other people rich. It will let families buy homes in pleasant, affluent neighborhoods, far from the troubles of an increasingly urban Twin Falls. The farmers who sell their land to real estate developers will retire with sizable nest eggs. The developers will grow fat.

But the effects on the broader community will not be so nice. Countless communities in such places as California and Oregon have seen the problems caused by helter-skelter, "leapfrog" housing developments in rural areas.

Sure, the Twin Falls area is going to need building lots to accommodate our swelling population. But the Curryopolis proposal ignores the hard lessons learned by other fast-growing communities in recent decades:

- Build new housing at the edge of existing cities, where services can be provided easily. Preserve the agricultural economy by resisting sprawl.
- Conserve land by building compact, well-planned subdivisions. Protect farmers from unregulated encroachment by neighborhoods whose residents may complain about the smells and noises of agriculture. And coordinate city and county planning efforts.

Curryopolis stands to become an enormous headache for Twin Falls in years to come. County planners should rethink it.



## Hidden villainy becomes Idaho scandal

Jon Margolis

Like so much else these days, wrongdoing depends on publicity. Villainy becomes scandal only if someone notices it, which depends on location, category and luck. Somalia got more attention than they did in the Sudan.

The area that some call the Inland Empire is closer than Africa, but it is tucked into a little-noticed corner of America. Were it near New York, Washington, Chicago or Los Angeles, the harm done there during the past decade-plus might have been on front pages all over the country.

But it's eastern Washington, the Idaho Panhandle and a sliver of western Montana, a big but sparsely populated chunk of the country pleasant to visit but easy to ignore. Besides, there was no sex involved. Biology, yes, but no sex. If only one of the outrages had involved movie stars and kinkiness, network camera crews might have flocked to the wooded mountains. As it happens, these malefactors were only stealing our trees, messing up our streams, destroying our hillsides and violating several federal statutes in the process.

Excuses for ignorance vanished last year when the Spokesman-Review in Spokane, Wash., did what a newspaper ought to do. It provided in-depth, quality journalism about its region.

From Nov. 21 through Nov. 28, the Spokesman-Review, a moderately conservative newspaper, published several thoroughly reported, well-documented accounts by reporters Jim Lynch, J. Todd Foster and Julie Titone about how excessive logging, mismanagement, ignorance and mendacity have eroded hillsides, destroyed streams, depleted fisheries, endangered wildlife and even al-

tered the climate in some places.

In Idaho's Panhandle National Forest, for instance, logging has damaged almost half the streams. Clearcuts have removed so much of the forest canopy that warm coastal winds melt the snow with unnatural speed. The melted snow becomes a torrent, eroding the hillsides and pouring silt onto trout spawning beds.

Nearly every January, those warmer winds sweep across the snowpack, melting enough of it to cause flooding at the confluence of the North Fork and the Little North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene rivers near Ennaville, Idaho. When residents complain, Corps of Engineers officials tell them that "reacting to floods is cheaper than preventing them."

In northeastern Washington, the Colville National Forest has been so overlogged and mismanaged that much of it can't even support the growth of good timber anymore. "Once home to imposing and resilient ponderosa pines, the Colville is now better known for its bug-infested firs, many of which are no bigger around than a logger's bicep," the newspaper said.

So what do the logging companies and the Forest Service propose for the Colville now? More clearcuts. More clearcuts are set for Idaho's roadless areas, too.

Well, everybody makes mistakes. But as the Spokesman-Review series makes clear, the mistakes are old. Since 1981, these atrocities have been deliberate, dishonest, coercive and expensive. The deliberateness, dishonesty and coercion came from the forest products industry and from senior government officials, appointed and elected. The

expense was borne by the American taxpayers, who have financed a forest road system seven times longer than the Interstate Highway system.

In the rush to cut at any cost and regardless of any law, official documents were falsified and computer planning models were deliberately skewed. Honest and devoted foresters were pressured to approve cutting more trees than science, good judgment or the law would allow. When they protested, they were threatened. Tom Kovalevsky recounted how former Sen. James A. McClure, R-Idaho, tried to get him fired for refusing to approve more timber sales. Kovalevsky's boss, regional forester John Mumma, was coerced into early retirement because he insisted on following the Environmental Policy Act and the Forest Management Act.

Wisely, the newspaper stories focus on what has gone wrong and how to right it, not on individual culpability. That's wise because most of these violations were not crimes, because the forests need reconciliation more than revenge, and because Democrats, now in control, are too quick to try to criminalize policy differences.

But Republicans are too casual about breaking laws that interfere with their predilections. That's what the Iran-Contra scandal was. The Western forest scandal, which got far less attention, may have done far more harm. The guilty, in this case, need not be prosecuted. If only they were decent enough to be as ashamed as the Spokesman-Review ought to be proud.

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## Administration advances cause of protectionism

In the mystery novel "Trent's Last Case" there is a scene in Simpson's restaurant in London, where Trent asks his companion to speak softly when ordering a glass of milk in that posh place because the head waiter has a weak heart. Let us hope that Americans with hearts as weak as that head waiter's did not notice their government's behavior last week.

The Clinton administration faced a crucial decision concerning a Communist regime in Asia. What to do about North Korea making a mockery of treaty obligations, en route to becoming a nuclear power?

By week's end the administration had dealt sternly with a Communist regime in Asia. It had taken "bold" action to protect Americans from cheap Chinese textiles.

After the president said, "North Korea cannot be allowed to develop a nuclear bomb," aides said he mispoke and really meant that North Korea could not be allowed to become a "nuclear power," meaning equipped with an unspecified number of weapons and an undefined delivery system. The lack of detail expedited U.S. temporizing.

But last week the administration flexed its muscles where it evidently thinks muscle matters most: It acted against the menace of cheap clothes.

For years the United States has assigned quotas limiting textile imports from more than 3,000 categories from 41 nations. China allegedly is evading its quotas by transshipping through about 25 countries.

Mickey Kantor, U.S. trade representative, claims China shipped 3.6 million sweaters to Macao, the Portuguese enclave in China, where they were labeled "made in Macao" and shipped to America. Kantor also says that 625 million kilograms of Chinese towels for cleaning machinery were similarly shipped through Honduras.

The government asserts that China is transshipping \$2 billion of textiles products. This seems implausible to citizen James Bovard, a one-man truth squad who is more than a match for tendentious legions of protectionists in American government and industry. He says the \$2 billion figure is somehow derived from an investigation begun in 1991.

Kantor says the government's action barring more than \$1 billion of Chinese goods



George F. Will

(A) will have "little if any impact on American consumers" and (B) will save many thousands of American jobs. Proposition A seems patently absurd. And if there is a shred of truth to proposition B, proposition A must be false. Impeding the import of inexpensive textile products will save some American textile jobs only if the impediment, by preventing U.S. consumers from buying the more than \$1 billion of Chinese goods they otherwise would have bought, forces them to pay substantially higher prices for American-made goods.

Protectionism advances beneath a fog of careless or ideologically loaded language. Nations that open their markets to foreign goods are said to have made "concessions." Why is it a "concession" to give one's citizens an expanded range of choices for cheaper goods that enlarge the reach of the citizens' incomes? And what of U.S. "retaliation" against China: We are "retaliating" against China's ability to satisfy the preferences of American consumers?

Thumping headlines (The Washington Post, "U.S. Moves to Punish China"; The New York Times, "A Punitive Move"; the Los Angeles Times, "U.S. Cracks Down") obscure the fact that the people being punished include American consumers, especially low-income buyers of the cheapest apparel. However, if North Korea ever loads an ICBM nose cone with cheap sweaters, it will be in deep trouble.

The American Textile Manufacturers' Institute is a lobby for an industry whose record profits in 1992 were, Bovard says, five times higher than the average U.S. manufacturer's earnings on sales. The institute issued a statement of rupture about the U.S. government's "bold" action.

Boldly twisting bad laws? Boldly fattening a prosperous interest group? Speak such nonsense softly, out of consideration for people as sensitive as Simpson's head waiter.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

## Letters

### Fish and Game head has to go

Please sign a petition to get rid of Jerry M. Conley, head of the Fish and Game Department. All he knows is to up the fees, split deer and elk seasons, make different regulations for fishing in different areas and make it easier to get a ticket for something or other.

Petitions are at Red's Trading Post or Mountain Man.  
GEORGE H. SCOTT  
Twin Falls

### Rock Creek Canyon has history

Here it is the third of the way through the month and I am just writing my monthly letter, and the roof hasn't fallen or anything else outstanding. Guess I'm just real lucky or something.

Primarily, I'd like to cover pretty extensively, the plans for the Old Town and Rock Creek Canyon. Actually, the plans are the same for the canyon as they were during the Works Progress Administration days when a lot of work went into the canyon.

The grade down into the college fish hatchery, formerly the state's, was reconstructed. A road was put in on the east side of the canyonback to the north-but was nev-

er completed all the way. A second grade was put in off Fifth Avenue West and tied into the roadway there.

At the bottom of the grade at Fifth, there was a pit dug and walled with rock to use as a swimming pool.

If I remember right, there were also two WPA toilets put there. A third grade was put in off Rose Street South but was never connected to the other roadways. This, had it been put in, would have gone next to an island that had many cottonmouth snakes on it. I don't know if they are still in that area or not.

Also, the rocky point between the railroad bridge and the old Singing Bridge was used as a rock quarry for many years. Most of the retaining walls, plus the city shop and the band shell, were built from rock from there. The old Lincoln Field Stadium was also built from it. The rock work on the corner east of the sugar factory was also from there. This was the site of the old county poor farm, which is nothing but memories now.

I would be very leery of putting in a foot bridge to the east part of South Park because of attracting muggers to the area. If there were no easy access routes for a vehicle, it would be a thug's paradise.

One last thing: You might check out the old wooden building next to the old Kirkman Bus building for possibly being one of the buildings from the Holmbeck Sales Yard — used to sit in the back part of the Willis Motor Co. Yard.

CHRISTIAN A. PARROTT  
Twin Falls

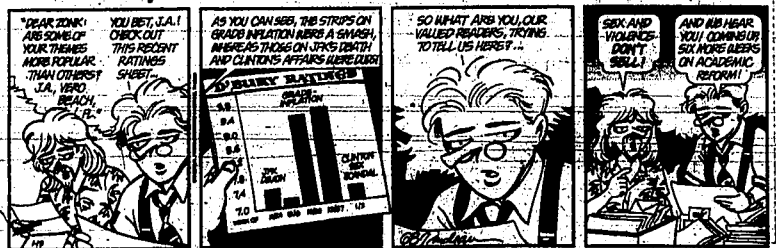
### Green Acres did great job

On Jan. 4, I took my 15-year-old dog to the Green Acres Hospital. The veterinarian there is the most caring person around. Even though he was with another couple at the time I walked in the exam room, he took Missy from my arms right away.

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If you want a very sensitive, caring veterinarian for your pets, I highly recommend the Green Acres Pet Hospital.  
RHONDA SEXTON  
Twin Falls

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## What to do about crime

WASHINGTON — Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly asked a question last week following the execution-style murder of a D.C. police officer: "What could we have done to have such a world like this that on a daily basis we see beautiful young people like (police officer Jason White) lost to the violence?"

Kelly's question ought not to be considered rhetorical, because those of her liberal political persuasion have done a great deal to create the climate in which crime is rapidly becoming the No. 1 concern of everyone.

Liberals have offered excuses for crime, ignoring the need to redeem the soul of the criminal.

They often think that improving a criminal's living conditions will make him less likely to break the law.

Conservatives, on the other hand, aren't much better at crime-busting. They've locked up more criminals but have not reduced their number. Nor has the number of crimes declined in proportion to the number of people going to prison.

There are three times as many people in prison today as there were in the 1960s, but violent crime has also increased 560 percent, according to Justice Department figures.

Will building more prisons and sentencing violent offenders to longer terms reduce crime? No more than sex education taught without values has reduced unwanted pregnancies, abortions and sexually transmitted diseases.

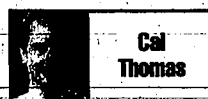
Despite evidence that programs and posturing of the past by both left and right have not gotten to the root of crime, we're hearing more of the same voices we've heard before.

After a meeting organized by Jesse Jackson that discussed black-on-black crime, many participants, including those associated with the Congressional Black Caucus, trotted out the old canard that poverty is the major cause of crime.

If that were true, everyone who is poor would be a criminal. But most



Blown in the Wind.



Cal Thomas

poor people, black and white, are law-abiding.

Some conservatives are suggesting tougher and longer sentences. But the threat of punishment has been a poor deterrent. Most people in prison thought they would not get caught.

It seems the more criminals we take off the streets and put in prison, the more there are to replace them. America has the highest per capita incarceration rate in the world, so prison clearly is not the answer, even if we make sure violent offenders serve more than the often-shortened sentences they are now serving. That simply raises the prison population and the cost and delays the new crimes many will commit when they are released from institutions that do little to rehabilitate.

Because the root cause of crime is a matter of attitude and the spirit, solutions must first be tried there. Volunteer organizations like Prison Fellowship have demonstrated a high success rate in transforming the lives of prisoners.

Convicts involved with the organization have a recidivism rate in single digits, compared to the 70 percent-and-above recidivism rate for most government programs that fail to transform lives for the better.

Government should encourage more groups like this instead of looking for new ways to fail.

Prison Fellowship's Charles Colson thinks penal policy should require inmates to attend school, undergo drug treatment and work in prison-based industry that would give them the opportunity to produce something instead of preying on others.

Most important, we need to approach nonviolent criminals differently from violent ones. Why do we lock up check forgers, petty thieves and low-level drug offenders at great cost to the taxpayers?

Often the nonviolent, nondangerous offenders become violent and dangerous as a result of the prison "training ground." Requiring restitution is the answer for this category of criminal. It provides double relief to society.

First, restitution doesn't burden the taxpayers by warehousing people who are not dangerous. Second, the victim is repaid, something that often does not occur when a criminal is locked up. We forget that most crimes are not against the state but against people. The state seeks to satisfy itself, but the victim rarely gets relief.

If conservatives and liberals, Congress and the President are interested in truly taking a bite out of crime, they will resist the predictable and failed ideas and rhetoric of the past and do what works. But in an election year when demagoguery often makes it difficult for men and women of principle to be heard, it will take considerable courage to propose programs like this and even more courage to vote for them.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

## Save lives by keeping thugs behind bars

James Wootton

Everybody knows the stories by now. Twelve-year-old Polly Klaas of Petaluma, Calif., was abducted from her home during a slumber party with friends and brutally murdered. James Jordan, father of basketball superstar Michael Jordan, was fatally shot in the chest as he rested in his car along Interstate I-95 in North Carolina.

Both crimes lend new meaning to the idea of "senseless tragedy." Had the alleged assailants been required to serve full sentences for crimes committed in the past, they would not have been at large to kill Klaas or Jordan.

Richard Allen Davis, Polly's alleged killer, had been free for three months — after serving just half of his 16-year sentence for kidnapping — when Polly was abducted. Daniel Andre Green, one of Jordan's alleged killers, was freed from prison after serving only one-third of his six-year sentence for assault (he struck a man in the head with an ax).

Had each criminal served his full sentence, Klaas and Jordan both might have slept soundly through the night.

Sadly, the Davis and Green cases are no longer the exception, but the rule. According to the Department of Justice, violent criminals in the United States now serve an average of only 37 percent of their sentences. Murderers are sentenced to an average of 15 years but serve only 5%. Rapists are sentenced to an average of eight years but serve only three. Robbers are sentenced to an average of six years but serve only two years and three months.

In most cases, when criminals are released early, they offend again within a short period of time. A study of 108,850 state prisoners released in 1983 from prisons in 11 states showed that, within three years, 60 percent of violent offenders were rearrested for a felony or misdemeanor, 42 percent were reconvicted, and 37 percent were reincarcerated. During that three-year period these criminals were

arrested for more than 14,000 murders, more than 7,000 kidnappings, more than 23,000 rapes or sexual assaults, more than 100,000 robberies and more than 107,000 assaults.

None of this should come as a surprise. Violent criminals, when allowed to remain on the streets, commit violent crimes. Since 1960, the dawn of the era when sentences and release practices began to be relaxed, the violent-crime rate has shot up more than 500 percent. Thanks to liberal-release practices, eight out of 10 Americans now can expect to be victims of violent crime at least once in their lifetimes.

The government's nonchalance toward the wholesale victimization of law-abiding U.S. citizens is exemplified by the U.S. Parole Board's classification system, which labels prisoners a "good risk" for parole if they stand an 18 percent chance of being rearrested and sentenced again within five years. For "fair risk" prisoners the figure is 29 percent.

Where else would the government tolerate such a high rate of failure, when it results in the death or injury of ordinary Americans? What would happen if the Federal Aviation Administration were to allow airplanes to fly with parts that failed 29 percent of the time? Imagine the public outcry if the Food and Drug Administration were to allow potentially fatal drugs on the market 18 percent of the time.

The vast majority of crimes fall under the jurisdiction of state governments. If states are serious about fulfilling the first duty of all government to its citizens — protecting their safety — an excellent place to start would be the adoption of "truth in sentencing" policies: requiring that criminals serve out something close to their actual sentences. A good benchmark would

be 85 percent, the current federal requirement.

Adopting truth in sentencing would cause the violent-crime rate to plummet. If the 55 percent of the estimated 8 million current state and federal prisoners who are violent offenders were forced to serve 85 percent of their sentences, truth in sentencing could eliminate 4.4 million violent crimes a year (6 million violent crimes were reported in 1990).

This is assuming those criminals would commit an average of just 10 crimes per year for each year of their early release, even though a 1982 Rand Corp. study showed that the average inmate had committed 187 crimes the year before being incarcerated.

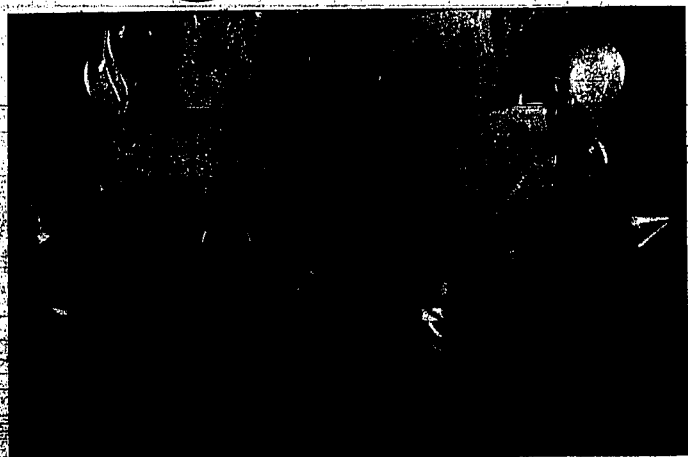
The most common objection to truth in sentencing is the cost of longer incarceration. But that same Rand Corp. study found, for example, that the average robber commits at least 41 robberies per year. According to a U.S. Sentencing Commission researcher, the average cost to a robbery victim is more than \$12,000. Thus, the total cost to society for each year a robber is on the street is more than \$492,000, compared to an average one-year incarceration cost of between \$23,000 and \$38,000.

And what about Polly Klaas? Who can put a price tag on her life? Who would dare tell her parents it was simply too expensive to keep Richard Allen Davis locked up?

The challenge for state lawmakers is to pass laws that ensure no violent criminals will be released from prison before serving at least 85 percent of their sentences. We've talked about the "rights" of criminals for long enough. It's time to focus on the right of the rest of us to be free from violence.

This essay is adapted from a study prepared for The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based think tank, by James Wootton, president of the Safe Streets Alliance, Washington, D.C.

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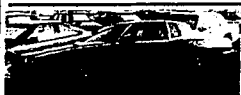
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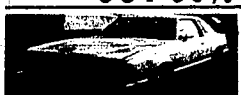
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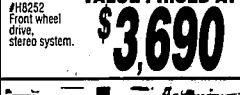
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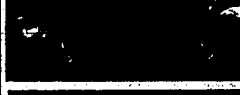
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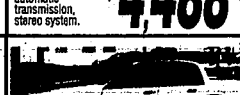
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# Magic Valley

## Around the valley

### Dispatch center stays in Shoshone for now

**SHOSHONE** — An Idaho Falls judge has ruled that the Lincoln County sheriff dispatch center will stay in Shoshone — at least for the time being, the sheriff said Wednesday night.

Sheriff Steve Southwick said late Wednesday that Judge Ted V. Wood had ruled that an order keeping the dispatch center in Shoshone will stand until the issue is decided at trial.

The Lincoln County Commission had planned to close the dispatch center in October and dispatch Lincoln County calls through the Jerome Sheriff's Department. Southwick objected and got a court order keeping the dispatch center open.

The Lincoln County Commission asked Wood to lift the order and allow the sheriff's dispatch calls to go through Jerome. Wood's decision Wednesday denied the commission's request, Southwick said.

Now the issue probably will go to trial in April, he said.

The ruling could force Lincoln County out of the four-county "enhanced" 911 coalition which proposes to centralize emergency dispatch services in Jerome County, Southwick said.

### Backhoe accident darkens downtown, power off

**TWIN FALLS** — Customer service representatives at Idaho Power Co. offices sat helplessly in the dark. A late afternoon power outage had knocked out their computer and telephone system and also left most of their neighbors in downtown Twin Falls without electricity.

A backhoe operator working at the new Twin Falls Canal Co. office accidentally backed his backhoe into a utility pole. Some electrical lines touched each other and knocked out the power substation on Victory Avenue, said Jerry Collins, division electrical superintendent for Idaho Power.

When the substation went out at 4:40 p.m., the power went out for downtown Twin Falls south from Second Avenue North and East and some homes around Fourth Avenue West for 14 minutes.

### Controversial zone variance revisited in Wendell tonight

**WENDELL** — A controversial variance was improperly handled at the last city council meeting and will be done again this evening.

Mayor George Benson recently discovered that the motion and vote approving a variance for a shed in the 7-foot setback of an alley on the Herbert Lane property were made after the council had recessed for a public hearing on the variance.

Benson said the motion has to be made during the regular council meeting. He cited the long and heated debate over the variance. The matter will be brought up by Benson at part of his final actions as mayor at Thursday's meeting.

Mayor-elect Lynn Nelson, council members Gwen Rost and Dale Bunn, and all appointees will be sworn in by 5th District Magistrate Judge Thomas Cushman. Benson said Nelson will conduct the new business part of the meeting.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. at City Hall.

### Smokey Bear will attend

### Friday's CSI basketball tilts

**SHOSHONE** — Smokey Bear will attend College of Southern Idaho basketball games Friday as a guest of the Bureau of Land Management to tip off its 1994 fire prevention campaign.

Women's and men's games against Snow College are set for 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., respectively. Fans arriving early will receive free souvenirs such as water bottles, posters, pens, pencils and rulers. This year's wild fire hotline will be 1-800-974-2373.

### Idaho's United We Stand leader will speak tonight

**TWIN FALLS** — The state director for United We Stand America, Plant Thompson, plans to speak tonight on Rose Perot and the future of the fledgling political group in Idaho.

Thompson will speak at the group's Region 3 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. United We Stand America describes itself as a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to political and economic reform in government. Their meetings are open to the public.

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## County seeks farmland for homes

By Sean L. McCarthy  
Times-News writer

### Zoning hearing set tonight at 7:30 p.m.

**TWIN FALLS** — A massive, 6,000-acre zoning proposal would give the county a much-needed area for rural homes, according to County Zoning Administrator Lee Taylor.

"We have people who like to live in a rural area," Taylor said Wednesday. "They don't want to be governed by the city."

Taylor has proposed zoning 10 square miles south of Curry Crossing between Twin Falls and Filer for residential subdivisions.

The land is now zoned agricultural. Taylor's proposal will be part of tonight's discussion by the county planning and zoning commission.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the hearing, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at the county office building, 246 Third Ave. E.

Cities in Twin Falls County have an "area of impact" agreement with the county in which the cities assume control over some land just outside city limits.

But these impact areas have swallowed most of the county's residential-agricultural zones, he said.

The remaining county land is zoned either agricultural or commercial, he said.

The proposed residential-agricultural zone would be south of Highway 30, east of Highway 93, north of state route 74 and west of the city of Twin Falls "area of impact" boundary.

Rezoning the land will accomplish two things, Taylor said.

"People who want to develop subdivisions — they don't have to go through the process of requesting a rezoning," he said. The second thing is that all of the people who live in this area will have some protection from dairies and livestock operations.

Future dairy and livestock operators will need a conditional use permit from the county to set up shop in this zone, he said.

A Twin Falls City Engineer Gary Young is one of several city officials who are concerned about the long-term ramifications of the zoning change. Young has said that building thousands of homes in the 6,400-

acre tract would mean thousands of septic tanks, wells, and vehicles that the city someday will have to control.

Taylor, however, said the zoning change is not proposed solely for the purpose of subdivisions.

"We do not have people lining up to build subdivisions," he said. The planning commission only decided that it needed a place for potential homes to go, and "it all seemed to fit in there" south of Curry Crossing, he said.

"Maybe it is too large, but we've had to start with something," he said.

Since word spread that the city of Twin Falls was considering an expansion of its impact area to take control of its neighboring land to west, Taylor estimated that 20-30 residents have called to say they do not want city involvement.

## Air Force gets earful at hearing

By William Brock  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — Public testimony on a proposed Air Force bombing range in southwestern Owyhee County was overwhelmingly hostile Wednesday, with speaker after speaker denouncing the plan from a variety of perspectives.

Residents of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation gave impassioned testimony about the area's rich wildlife and spiritual significance to the Shoshone-Paiute tribes.

Some hinted that the issue could end up in court if the bomb range is approved.

"We will test our sovereign power to all ends," vowed Lindsey Manning, tribal chairman of the Shoshone-Paiute tribes. "We have plans for that air space."

Two more public hearings — one Friday in Twin Falls — will be held.

The testimony, both written and spoken, will be used to prepare a final environmental impact statement, due in April.

A decision on the fate of the proposed bomb-training range is due in May.

Supportive speakers, who were badly outnumbered, said the proposal makes good sense for Idaho's economy and national defense.

The day's first speaker, Gov. Cecil Andrus, told a packed ballroom at Boise State University that he continues to support the Idaho Training Range proposal.

Andrus said the size of the 25,000-acre proposal will probably change. He noted that the plan has already gone through six revisions, and the size has dropped considerably.

Jim Hawkins, Idaho Commerce Department, said he supported the ITR from an economic standpoint. The Mountain Home Air Force Base currently employs 3,500 military personnel with an annual payroll of more than \$100 million, he said.

He added that support should be given to such a major player in the state's economy.

An aide to Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, who sits on the Senate Armed Forces Committee, said the senator supports the ITR.

Opponents — ranging from former military pilots to the Idaho Wildlife Federation — denounced the bomb-range proposal.

Several, including Boise attorney Murray Feldman, accused the Air Force of repeatedly lying to the public.

"Others blasted the political motivation behind the proposal."

"The good old boys, the rich and powerful, are at it again," said Patricia Hall of Boise. "These boys are like spoiled children who will go to any lengths to get what they want."

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New Wendell Mayor Lynn Nelson says the city faces challenges ahead. At left is Wendell school superintendent Larry Manly.

## City spirit needed to face challenges, new Wendell mayor says

By Terrell Williams  
Times-News correspondent

**WENDELL** — After eight years of giving legal advice to city officials, new Mayor Lynn Nelson is making plans to help Wendell avoid problems.

"I look forward to the opportunity and challenge," he told the Wendell Chamber of Commerce Wednesday. "I'll roll up my sleeves and go to work and do the best I can."

Nelson, 46, took office as mayor this month after being the city attorney since 1985. He replaced George Benson, who served one four-year term as mayor.

Speaking at the luncheon meeting in the auditorium of the new Wendell High School, Nelson said projections from Idaho Power Company show that the population of Wendell — now 1,983 — is expected to double in the next 10 years. Planning for that growth needs to be done now, he said, so that the water, sewer and other services can keep up with the demand.

"It's an exciting time. It's also a little scary," he said.

Pouring money into a problem is not always the best solution, Nelson told the chamber members. "It also is not possible in a tight economy, he added, describing how low-income senior citizens have to turn down their heat and turn lights off early so they can afford to eat. The new mayor said he will be especially aware of those people while he is in office.

One issue the city has to deal with right away, Nelson said, is the new law that protects Americans with disabilities. The act that requires cities to make services available to everyone also provides for lawsuits against cities that do not comply, he warned.

The Wendell City Hall does not meet accessibility requirements, Nelson said, but the city can't afford to build a new city hall or even to remodel the old split-level building. However, he added, Wendell also cannot afford a lawsuit.

To avoid civil action, the city needs to begin at once to make all services available to everyone, Nelson said. If people cannot get

into the city hall, the services provided there need to be taken to the people, he said, and the City Council meeting place needs to be changed to a place that is accessible to the physically challenged. Nelson said he is going to seek permission to use the local senior citizen center, the American Legion Hall or a school facility for city meetings. "I would envision that happening soon," he said.

Nelson praised Wendell's positive community spirit. When new sidewalks were needed, citizens volunteered, materials were donated and the walks were poured, he said.

"When people see that there's a need for something to get done," he said, "they roll up their sleeves and make sure it happens."

Nelson said he wants to encourage citizens to get involved and share their talents with others to make the community a better place. His overall goal is to see that the people of Wendell work together in a spirit of cooperation, he said.

"I think you can disagree with one another without being disagreeable," he said.

## Woman tells police of November rape

By Phil Sahm  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A Twin Falls woman says a man she knew only as "Bob" raped her in a car on Nov. 18 after she visited her grandmother at Bridgeview Estates.

She described the man as 21 to 22 years old with short, curly brown hair, "intelligent" eyes, a "wide" chin and long, straight nose.

The man is Caucasian, is 5 feet 11 inches and 6 feet 1 inch tall, according to Detective Chuck Dudley of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Dudley asks anyone with information to call him at 736-2213.

The victim came to Twin Falls police with the complaint last week. Like many rape victims, she "panicked and froze" and did not report the crime earlier, Dudley said.

The woman has not left her house since the rape occurred, he said.

The victim had seen the man before at Bridgeview when he stopped by her grandmother's room to ask how she was doing, the victim told Dudley.

On Nov. 18, she talked briefly with the man. When she was walking to her car after visiting her grandmother around 11 p.m., "Bob" asked her for a ride, she told Dudley.

Once she started driving, the man made lewd and insulting remarks, and grabbed her thigh. The woman told him she was married, had two children and was not interested in his advances, she told Dudley.

She stopped and ordered the man out of her car, but he struck her. She tried to get out of the car, but her seat belt was stuck, and he struck her again.

When the woman screamed, he told her to shut up, and then raped her vaginally and anally, Dudley said.

Dudley expects to make a composite sketch of the rapist. He has eliminated all the possible leads at Bridgeview.

## Official: Adjudication needs \$32 million more

By Drew DeSilva  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — The Legislature will have to find almost \$32 million to complete the Snake River Basin Adjudication, a state Department of Water Resources official told lawmakers Wednesday.

The adjudication, a legal sorting-out of 150,000 water rights from Lewiston to St. Anthony, originally was expected to cost \$28 million and be financed almost entirely through legal fees.

But a series of unforeseen events, including many more water-rights claims than anticipated and a U.S. Supreme Court ruling exempting the federal government from having to pay claims fees, has caused the bill for the adjudication to rise dramatically. David Shaw told members of the House-Senate budget committee.

"There are things happening to us that we've never had happen before," said Shaw, who heads Water Resources' adjudication bureau.

He suggested imposing a pennies-per-acre-foot water-use fee to raise some of the

money needed to complete the adjudication — if the Legislature doesn't decide to abandon the effort altogether.

Fifth District Judge Daniel Hurlbutt is handling the adjudication as a special court-house built for the purpose in Twin Falls.

So far, Shaw said, the special adjudication account has collected \$18.3 million in fees, which are paid by water users for each water right they claim. He estimated the account would take in about \$1.6 million more in fees and interest earnings.

But as the adjudication has moved into high gear the past few years, it has spent more money from the fund. Between July 1985 and June 1993, Shaw said, about \$13.1 million has been spent on the adjudication — mostly by Water Resources, which is investigating the claims and drafting preliminary findings.

He listed several factors causing the adjudication tab to rise, including:

- More claims than expected. When the adjudication was set up in the mid-1980s, Water Resources estimated 114,000 would be filed. To date, 130,000 have been.

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## Idaho, 2 other states unveil new lottery game

BOISE (AP) — Idaho is joining forces with two other states in the Tri-West Lotto to offer players a better chance to win a large jackpot, lottery officials have announced.

Idaho, Montana and South Dakota will start selling tickets on Feb. 21. The game is the result of research and evaluation of players.

"We thought it was natural for

Idaho to join Montana and South Dakota in offering a tri-state game," Idaho Lottery Director Wally Hedrick said Wednesday. "All three states are similar in population, proximity, lifestyles and values."

Idaho will offer Tri-West while continuing with the multi-state Powerball lotto and its own Fantastic 5. Hedrick described Tri-West as the

mid-sized vehicle in the product line.

"Powerball is the Cadillac, Fantastic 5 is the Hyundai and this is the Oldsmobile or Chevrolet in the marketplace," he said.

Powerball has long odds of winning millions of dollars while the "cash game" Fantastic Five has better odds of obtaining smaller jackpots.

## Obituaries



### Wayne A. Kenworthy

JEROME — Wayne A. Kenworthy, 81, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1994, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

He was born Nov. 25, 1912, in Guthrie Center, Iowa, the son of Maurice P. and Maude Ostrander Kenworthy. The family moved to the Twin Falls area where he was raised and educated. He attended the University of Idaho and also began his dance career. He married Phyllis Robinson on Dec. 24, 1937, in Indianapolis, and their marriage was later solemnized in the Los Angeles LDS Temple. They returned to Twin Falls in 1940, and Wayne taught dance with Merle Stoddard for a short time. He and Phyllis later opened the Wayne and Roberts dance school in Twin Falls, Burley, and Buhl, where they taught tap, acrobatics and ballroom steps.

In 1942, he went to work for KTFI, then in 1945 for KTVB, where he got into on the ground floor of television and then worked for many years as a video tape editor. He was involved in many special programs including one with the President Franklin Roosevelt in 1945, and also very involved with the "Dragnet" show. Wayne retired in 1975, and then they completed a mission for the LDS Church in Gentry, Ark. In 1981, they moved to Idaho and settled in Jerome. Phyllis preceded him in death in 1987.

Survivors include two sons, Allan of Columbus, Ohio, and Richard of Glendale, Calif.; one daughter, Lynne Giowanke of Sioux, S.D.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Jerome 1st Ward LDS Chapel on East "B" street, with Bishop Gordon Ford conducting. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome and one hour before the funeral on Friday at the church.

### Sadie G. King

TWIN FALLS — Sadie Gertrude King, 76, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 10, 1994, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Sadie was born Sept. 19, 1917, in Memphis, Tenn., the daughter of Matthew and Sadie Gertrude Gars. She grew up and attended school in Memphis, graduating from high school at the age of 16, and completing business college at the age of 18. For a number of years, Sadie worked as a secretary, first for a funeral home in Memphis and later upon moving to Berkeley, Calif., for a newspaper office and then for the Bolshakovs in 1937. In Elko, Nev., Sadie married Randolph King, and the couple settled in Twin Falls to raise a family.

Surviving are her husband, Randolph B. King Jr. of Portland, Ore., and Jamie D. King of Sacramento, Calif.; a brother, Eugene A. Gars of Twin Falls; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Matthew and Fred Gars; and by a sister, Muriel Moore.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 1994, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, but services will conclude at the chapel. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

### Donald W. Fraser

SUN VALLEY — Donald William Fraser, one of skiing's great legends, died at his home Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1994, at the age of 80.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, 1994, in the Sun Valley Lodge Dining Room, and will

be followed by a reception for his family and many friends.

Don, the only child of William and Alice Fraser, was born on Feb. 11, 1913, in Spokane, Wash., where he and his family lived for seven years before moving to Seattle, Wash.

It was in Seattle that Don grew up and became a dedicated skier. He was graduated from Roosevelt High School, went on to the University of Washington and from there became a member of the 1936 U.S. Olympic Team.

In those days athletes were not subsidized, and in order to fulfill his commitment to the team, Don worked his way across the Atlantic chipping paint on a Norwegian fruit boat. He made the trip in time to join the team in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, complete with the two pairs of skis which he had made himself before leaving the United States.

It was after his return, while skiing on Mt. Rainier, that he met Gretchen Kunigk, fell in love with her, found that she returned his feelings, and there began the love affair which has lasted to this day.

In 1937, he traveled to Sun Valley to compete in the first Harriman Cup race, and that summer continued on with the U.S. Olympic Team to the Plan American Games in San Diego, Calif., where he placed first. Soon after, Averell Harriman hired him to work in public relations for his new resort, Sun Valley.

He returned to Tacoma for one evening — his marriage to Gretchen Kunigk in 1939. Both loved the outdoors and shared a joy in fishing, skiing, shooting, flying their planes and traveling.

Don then became sports director for Sun Valley where they returned to make their home. In 1940, both Don and Gretchen made the U.S. Olympic Team, but due to the war in Europe, the games were canceled and they remained at home.

When the United States entered the war, Don was commissioned into the Navy where he served in the Pacific Theater as a Gunnery Officer throughout the conflict.

One proud moment for Don was when Gretchen called him in 1948, from San Moritz, to tell him she had won America's first Olympic ski medal, the silver, in the Olympic Winter Games. Two days later she called to tell him that she had also won the gold in the Olympic Women's Slalom Race.

It was during the following year that they shared the pride of having a son, Donald William Fraser Jr., their only child.

After the war, Don did not return to work for Sun Valley, but founded the Donald Fraser Company, with which he continued until his retirement about five years ago. Since then, he and Gretchen have lived full time in Sun Valley.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Nature Conservancy of Idaho, the Wood River Hospice or the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation.

### Martha O. Schulke

TWIN FALLS — Martha O. Schulke, 94, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1994, at West Magic Care Center in Twin Falls.

She was born Sept. 10, 1899, in Minnesota, the daughter of John and Amelia Matvia Virgin. On April 20, 1918, she married Henry Julius Schulke in Montevideo, Minn., and they moved to Twin Falls in 1923.

She had been a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church for 67 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Burnetta Oppiger of Twin Falls and Mrs. Lyle (Irene) Smith of Boise; one son, Ronald Schulke of Boise; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one baby son, four sisters and her husband on Sept. 4, 1971.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Lawrence Vedder officiating. Interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary.

### Eugene Kessinger

PAUL — Eugene Kessinger, 83, of Paul, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1994, at the Cassia Memorial Hospital in Burley.

He was born March 27, 1910, in Idaho Falls, the son of Lawrence and Azenith Fimpel Kessinger. He attended schools in Idaho Falls, Declo and Rupert. He attended Idaho State University for one year. He married Ruby Rasmussen in 1930, and was later divorced. He then married Martha Elizabeth Landowne in 1955, in Sparks, Nev. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and then moved to the Declo

area where he farmed and cattle ranching. He later owned and operated a motel and garage in Rupert.

He enjoyed mining, making tools and fixing anything and everything. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Martha of Paul; one daughter, Donna Henley of Ogden, Utah; live sons, Neil Kessinger of Idaville, Calif., Leon Kessinger of Portland, Ore., Melvin Kessinger of Orofino, Idaho, and Jeff Kessinger of Alameda, Calif.; and one stepson, Lance Ray Lansdowne of Upland, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 1994, at the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert, with Pastor Frank Hancock officiating. Friends who wish may make memorials to the Paul United Methodist Church.

### Loren W. Graves

BLISS — Loren W. Graves, 68, of Bliss, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1994, at the Idaho State Veterans' Home in Boise.

He was born June 30, 1925, in his grandmother's home northwest of Gooding, the son of Fred and Greta Osborn Graves. He attended schools in Bliss, graduating from Bliss High School where he was active with the school band and playing basketball. Loren farmed and ranching with his father for several years before trying it on his own.

Loren married Ethel Kirby on Oct. 25, 1944, in Gooding and four daughters were born to this union.

He served his country during World War II with the U.S. Army. Upon his discharge, he returned to the Magic Valley where he continued to farm and ranch. Loren and Ethel were divorced in 1965. Loren married Hazel Marie Blais on March 30, 1972, in Elko, Nev., and they moved to their home near Bliss where they resided. She preceded him in death in May of 1992, and Loren retired from his work.

Loren was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and had been active with the bowling leagues in Gooding for many years.

He is survived by four daughters, Kathleen Holliday of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Marilyn Hewes of Meridian, Idaho, San Keller of Gilroy, Calif., and Virginia Graves of Maui, Hawaii; five grandchildren, Michael Sammons of New Kensington, Pa., David Keith of Hollister, Calif., Karl Glover and Nicole Dolman, both of Gilroy, Calif., and Jeremy Dolman of Meridian; one great-grandchild; one brother, Frank (Arma) Graves of Bliss; and one sister, Belinda of Boise. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 1994, at Demarey's Gooding Chapel with the Rev. Jim DeLo officiating. Burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. A reception will be held for family and friends at the V.F.W. Hall in Gooding following the graveside service. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and may be left at the funeral chapel.

### Velma O. Olsen

WENDELL — Velma O. Olsen, 78, of Wendell, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1994, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Velma was born Jan. 27, 1915, in Loveland, Kan., the daughter of Ross J. and Edith Van Meter Calhoun. She graduated from Loveland High School in 1933. At the age of 21, she married Alvin Olsen on Jan. 24, 1937, in Smith Center, Kan. They moved to Hagerman in 1937, and lived in the Magic Valley area until 1951. They then moved to Oregon where they lived until 1958, when they moved to Wendell.

Velma is survived by her husband, Alvin Olsen of Wendell; her children, Delma Olson of Branson, Mo., Elaine Cornelison of Hollister, Mo., Judy Bright of Idaho Falls, Gary Olsen of Hagerman and Deweyne Olsen of Wendell; a sister, Eva Middleton of San Francisco, Calif.; a brother, Ross Calhoun of Washburn, Wash.; 29 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 1994, at Demarey's Gooding Chapel. Burial will follow at the Hagerman Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

## Services

Lynn Mynard Parker, of Jerome, 10 a.m. today, Jerome 4th Ward LDS Chapel. Dedication of the grave will take place at 4 p.m. at the Parker Cemetery, Parker, Idaho, (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Ide Mae Patterson, of Bliss, graveside service 10:30 a.m. today, Elmwood Cemetery, Gooding, (Demarey's Gooding Chapel).

Lillie Salazar Stokes, of Preston, noon today, LDS Church, Preston, (Webb Funeral Home in Preston).

Mariano Ruiz, of Jerome, graveside service 3 p.m. today, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls, (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Floyd Arthur Hunt Sr., of Jerome, memorial service 4:30 p.m. today, Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Helena Leora Haight Gehrke, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Friday, Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

LDS 6th Ward Chapel, 667 Harrison St., (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Mary Rose Ballard, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Monday, LDS 12th Ward Chapel, 824 Caldwell Ave. W., Twin Falls, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

## Death notice

Claire Williams — BURLEY — Claire Williams, 69, of Burley and formerly of Rupert, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1994, at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City of a sudden illness. The funeral will be held at noon Friday at the Burley 3rd and 7th

Ward LDS Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Garth Williams officiating. Burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and from 11 to 11:45 a.m. on Friday at the church.

## Hospital

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted: Roberta Garner of Twin Falls; and William Daniels of Gooding.

Released: Julie Ellis of Twin Falls; Lisa Fowler of Burley; B. Wayne McCandless of Filer; Shirley Pope of Gooding; and Anna Stoltz of Jerome.

## Woman's 12 dogs can stay

By Phil Sabm

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The stench of urine and feces from an estimated 25 to 30 dogs in a 76-year-old woman's home just about made a Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy sick.

But county officials do not plan to remove the dogs or the woman from her home in the unincorporated county. "She's not a public menace," sheriff's Sgt. Todd Peterson said Wednesday.

Peterson went to the woman's house Tuesday evening after a furnace repairman alerted the sheriff's

office to the stench and the dogs.

The woman greeted Peterson at the door, her boots covered in feces and the odor coming from inside the home. "I have a pretty strong stomach, but I just about couldn't take it," he said.

The woman lives alone and apparently has no relatives. Neighbors bring her food and groceries, Peterson said. The woman was cordial when Peterson talked to her, even inviting him inside her home, he said.

Peterson did not go inside. The woman admitted to having 12 animals, he said. A veterinarian who looked at the animals told the Humane Society the dogs have parasites, have not been

vaccinated and do not look clean, Peterson said. Most of the animals would not be adoptable.

Kandace Kemp, deputy prosecuting attorney, said the woman could not be placed in protective custody because she has all her mental faculties. Kemp described her as "very lucid."

While the county's kennel laws might be enforced, Kemp sees little good in taking action under a criminal law. "What are you going to do? Go out and arrest a 76-year-old woman?"

Kemp said the woman's attorney has agreed to try to take care of the problem.

## Judge hears appeal of Hamilton's embezzlement, forgery conviction

By Barbara Newert

Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Janet Hamilton's attorney has appealed guilty verdicts on embezzlement and forgery charges.

A motion heard Wednesday by 5th District Judge Daniel Meehl asked the court to drop guilty verdicts of embezzlement and forgery. The charges were filed in connection with Hamilton's employment as a bookkeeper for Tom Homel, formerly of Homel Meats.

In October a jury found Hamilton guilty of these two counts, but deemed

her innocent of five similar charges.

The embezzlement charge stemmed from Hamilton's purchase of lots in Bellevue's Silverwood Subdivision for an amount in excess of \$250,000.

The forgery count came from Hamilton signing Homel's signature on a \$72,000 check without his knowledge.

Hamilton's attorney Jim Harris of Boise presented his arguments for the acquittal during a telephone conference with Meehl and Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Fritz Haemmerle.

While Harris was unavailable for

comment at press time, Haemmerle said there is a "very routine" motion if the judge is a rational basis for his decision, it stands," Haemmerle said.

Meehl, who heard the seven-day jury trial, will issue a written decision on the appeal sometime in the near future, Haemmerle said.

Feb. 18 is the date set for Hamilton's sentencing.

Hamilton faces a maximum of 14 years in prison for each felony charge plus a fine of \$5,000 for each offense. She is presently free on \$10,000 bond.

## Truck stop owner angry at labor fine

By Mick Normington

Times-News writer

EDEN — The Travelers Oasis Truck Plaza was fined \$3,950 Wednesday for violating child labor laws with nine teen-age employees who worked after 7 p.m.

Owner Daniel Willie said he'll pay the fine and won't appeal, but he isn't happy.

U.S. Department of Labor investigators found the Travelers Oasis has employed one 13-year-old girl and eight boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 15. The teen-agers were working after 7 p.m. on school nights in violation of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Most non-agriculture companies aren't allowed by law to hire children younger than 14 years old. But Willie said the teen-agers were working as dishwashers and

busboys, and they typically only worked until 8 p.m. He also said the 13-year-old was only two weeks from her 14th birthday and lied about her age.

"So we're not going to hire anyone 14- or 15-year-olds anymore. We're going to let them run the streets instead of learning how to hold a job," Willie said.

"It's not like we were beating the kids. There were no safety violations," he said. "I guess we failed to comply with the law. I'm just upset by this. It's a real deal."

Just two weeks ago, Labor Department investigators fined the Gear Jumper Truck Stop in Mountain Home for employing 16-year-olds after 7 p.m. and having a 17-year-old operating a food slicer and chopper, which is considered a hazardous occupation off-limits to minors.

The Labor Department isn't targeting truck stops, but is concentrating on cracking down on child labor law violations in Idaho, said Bob Provencio, the department's wage and hour division district director in Portland, Ore.

"We are not picking on anybody," he said. "We are focusing on child labor. It would just indicate that there is a continuing problem with child labor in Idaho."

The child-labor laws allow companies to hire between the ages of 14 and 16, but limit how long they can work so the teens can concentrate on school, Provencio said.

"School should be a priority," he said.

The teen-age workers at the Travelers Oasis won't be fired, but Willie said he and his managers are coming up with new work schedules for them.

## Adjudication

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• Experience with such a massive undertaking. In making its original estimates, Water Resources relied on its experience with much smaller adjudications. Among other things, the department underestimated how many domestic-use and stock-water claims would be filed.

• A 1993 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court holding that the federal government, unlike other water rights claimants, doesn't have to pay claims fees. At least 50,000 federal claims have been filed to date, and the government would have had to pay anywhere from \$7 million to \$11 million in fees.

The department has contacted Idaho's congressional delegation about getting some federal money, Shaw said, but the federal deficit and the relatively low seniority of Idaho's delegation make that unlikely.

Current projections are that the adjudication would be completed in 2005, but will run out of money by June 1995. If the Legislature doesn't decide to shut down the project — which House Speaker Mike

Simpson, among others, says would be a bad idea — more money will have to be found.

A penny-per-acre-foot fee would raise \$1 million.

Rep. Kitty Gurnsey, R-Boise, co-chairman of the budget committee, said the Legislature was "caught between a rock and a hard place." Mil-

lions will have to be spent either finishing the adjudication or, if it is abandoned, refunding fees already paid by water-rights claimants.

Budget-writers will look to guidance from the House and Senate natural-resource committees before making any decisions on the adjudication's future, she said.

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## Mini-Cassia

## Range

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know, the sneaky, greedy kind."

Doug McConaughy, who lives in the Duck Valley, said the bomb-range plan should be renamed.

"This should be called the Andrus Retirement Plan, or the Larry Craig Re-Election Plan, or the Mountain Home Car and Motorcycle Dealers' Plan," McConaughy said.

He and others rallied against current Air Force contributions to the area, including window-shattering sonic booms and countless waves of anti-radar chaff left in the Owyhee desert.

One Indian resident, Hugo Kelly, used simple, moving lan-

guage to describe the sublime qualities of the Owyhee canyon lands area.

"There's a lot of food and a lot of medicine in there," Kelly concluded.

A long-time military pilot, Mike Bernemolo of Boise, said he often flew over the Duck Valley Indian Reservation and admitted that sonic booms from his plane probably broke a few windows.

He apologized, but said sonic booms are almost inevitable. "Speed is life," is a military pilot's motto, Bernemolo said. "The lower and faster you can go the longer you'll live."

## Groups say they were forced to remove anti-range info

By William Brock  
Times-News writer

GRANDVIEW — Some people at a public hearing Tuesday got the cold shoulder, a state environmental group charged.

Members of the Snake River Alliance said they were told by uniformed Air Force personnel to remove their information material from Rimrock High School.

"It wasn't for lack of space," said Alliance spokeswoman Nicole LeFavour. "There was plenty of room, but we had to stand outside in the cold."

The alliance was hoping to display a pair of maps and hand out literature at the public hearing on the draft environmental impact statement covering a proposed state-owned Air Force bombing range LeFavour said, no tables were involved.

LeFavour said she was asked to take that material outside by Lt. Brian McPeck of the Mountain Home Air Force Base. McPeck acknowledged

Wednesday that he and Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Neillson asked Alliance members to leave the building. McPeck said he was simply following orders from Rimrock High School officials.

"I was just passing on the rules as they were passed on to me," McPeck said. The rules governing "free expression areas" are clear, he added.

But LeFavour said the high school was filled with Air Force promotional displays and her group wanted an equal chance.

"It was inappropriate for them to be displaying information on only one side of the story," she said.

Wednesday's hearings were held inside the Student Center at Boise State University. One ballroom was filled with Air Force displays and an informational video that ran non-stop. The hearings were held in an adjoining ballroom.

The Snake River Alliance, Idaho Rivers United, and the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep all had anti-bomb-range displays inside the building near the ballrooms.

forest system next month, Thomas said.

—The current deputy, Jim Overbay, 59, has announced his retirement effective Feb. 3, the chief said.

"Gray has been the source of so many good ecosystem-management ideas that he's now a part of everyday national forest management," Thomas said in a statement Wednesday.

"He really knows how to bring people with different values and conflicting ideas together and create agreements that lead to effective land management," he said.

## Former area forest official named national deputy chief

The Times-News and  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former head of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area has been named the agency's deputy chief for the entire national forest system, Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas announced Wednesday.

Gray Reynolds, now the regional forester for the agency's Intermountain Region in Utah and southern Idaho, will assume the position of deputy chief for the 191 million-acre national

## State, county miss Crane deadline

The Associated Press  
and The Times-News

A relative wanted for questioning in the apparent abduction of a 9-year-old Challis girl has been released from a Colorado jail because Idaho authorities did not meet a filing deadline.

Robert Paul Crane, 43, Stephanie Crane's great-uncle, is not considered a suspect in her Oct. 11 disappearance, Simpson said. They determined Crane was in Colorado on Oct. 11.

But Simpson said he wants to talk to Crane to see if he knows anything, and the agent still has some doubts whether he was involved.

"They (FBI agents) don't think he was in Challis at the time," he said. "I'm not going to stick my neck out on that."

Crane has fought extradition and refuses to call Idaho authorities about Stephanie, Simpson said.

Simpson said he does not have any evidence to issue a warrant for Crane's arrest, and for now he is waiting to see if Crane turns up again.

Idaho County Prosecutor John Hines could not be reached for comment on whether he intends to refile a warrant for Crane's arrest. Crane was sentenced to five years in prison in January 1988 on the DUI charge and was released on probation in August 1988.

The governor's office handles all extradition procedures. Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus' chief of

## Oakley High School principal plans to retire

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — Oakley High School Principal J.R. Smith, who last month found himself embroiled in controversy over students' alleged sexual and physical misconduct, said he plans to retire at the end of the school year.

Smith handed in his letter of retirement to School Board members at Monday's meeting. Smith said he is not retiring under pressure from the community or School Board. He said it

is time for him to get out of the school administration.

"I'm retiring because I'm old enough and there's no point in me staying around much any longer," Smith said. "I'm excited. I had considered retiring last year because I was eligible."

Smith, 58, has served as Oakley High School principal for 10 years out of his 25 years as a principal. He has served as principal at Ririe High School in Idaho Falls, the Kuna Senior High School in Kuna and the Soda Springs Junior High

School in Soda Springs.

In late December police investigated several students in connection with incidents of physical and sexual harassment of other students.

The county prosecutor has filed charges against a senior male student who allegedly bullied a 15-year-old male student at school and sexually harassed a 17-year-old female student.

Smith suspended several students after the incident. But he said he feels the community has blown the incident out of proportion.

"It was completely ridiculous," Smith said.

"It's disappointing to have that kind of stuff going on and to have to deal with it. That kind of stuff starts a lot of rumors," he said. "People don't come and check on anything, they just keep spreading it in a circle."

Smith said he hopes to become an insurance salesman after he retires June 3.

"The thing I will miss the most is the kids," Smith said. "I have no ill feelings or anything like that at all."

## 1 of 2 charges against Albion councilman dropped

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A magistrate judge Wednesday dropped one of two felony charges against Albion City Councilman Gene Pitchford.

But he still faces a charge of grand theft for stealing a snowmobile. Pitchford's attorney John Bradley said Magistrate Roy Holloway dropped a charge that Pitchford had falsified state vehicle identification numbers on the snowmobile.

Bradley said he had argued that there

is no evidence to prove or disprove that Pitchford himself had altered the numbers.

"Basically you have the who, where, why, when and how missing," Bradley said.

Pitchford will plead innocent to possession of stolen property in 5th District Court in the next few weeks, Bradley said.

The snowmobile's owner, Tim Orton and his wife, became stranded in a snowstorm overnight Dec. 28, 1992 with his Yamaha Phazer II snowmobile near Pomerelle Ski Resort.

The next day, Orton and his wife left the vehicle behind. On Feb. 6, Orton came back for the snowmobile, but it was gone. Tracks from the snowmobile down the slope toward Albion, he said.

According to a police report, Cassia County detectives confiscated a similar snowmobile from Pitchford's home in December. The front and sides of the snowmobile had been painted red and

parts of it had been altered.

Pitchford told police he had bought the snowmobile at a rest-stop between American Falls and Ratt River. He was unable to get the title from the seller, who left town, the report said.

Pitchford said he made up a false purchase document from a Twin Falls dealer so he could get a title from Minidoka County Assessor's Office, the report said.

## Briefly in Mini-Cassia

## Girl testifies against man in sex trial

RUPERT — A pre-teen girl testified Wednesday against a Heyburn man she says forced her to have sex with him.

The second trial of Paul Joseph Pugsley, 34, got underway Tuesday with a jury selection and attorneys' opening statements. A judge dismissed the first trial after Minidoka's Sheriff's Department discovered a misplaced videotape of a social worker's interview with the victim.

Pugsley has pleaded innocent to three charges of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor, a pre-teen girl, and one charge of rape of a 16-year-old girl who is now 21.

## Man hurt in wreck leaves hospital

BURLEY — A man, who suffered serious injury Saturday when he drove his car through a guard rail and into a swamp, was released from Cassia Memorial Hospital Tuesday.

According to an accident report, Martin Scott Gould, 18, of Burley, was injured at 2:27 a.m. Saturday when his car sped through a stop sign at more than 55 miles per hour, vaulted the railroad tracks at 350 East Road just north of Burley, slammed into a guard rail on Highway 81 and overturned on an embankment into a swamp.

Though he was wearing his seat belt and shoulder strap, Gould was thrown from the vehicle into the swamp, the report said.

Police cited Gould for reckless driving. His 1978 Toyota Corolla sustained an estimated \$2,000 in damage.

## Health network plans meeting today

BURLEY — The Southcentral Health Network will hold a meeting focusing on health care in the Magic Valley today at the Mini-Cassia College of Southern Idaho Center at 7 p.m.

The network, which consists of a group of health care officials and community leaders, will discuss ways to improve the quality of health care in the next 20 years.

The Mini-Cassia CSI Center is located at 1450 Overland Avenue. The group will also meet in Twin Falls at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the CSI Conference Room of the Taylor Building and on Jan. 20 at the CSI Northside Center in Gooding.

For more information call Rhonda Schaff at 734-5900, ext. 282.

Compiled from staff reports

## Mini-Cassia hospitals

## CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

## Admitted

Gene Gierisch, Merlin Hill, Sarah Mai, John Moreno, Reynaldo Muniz and Rhoda Short, all of Burley; Rebecca Fairchild, Andrea Stevenson and Merlin Williamson, all of Rupert; and Arthur White of Heyburn.

## Released

Leona Johnson, Terry Baker, Richard Brown, Martin Gould, Maricella Vargas, Clifford Mullikin and Marjan Clayton, all of Burley; Earl Johnson of Heyburn; Billie Martinez of Declo; Reyna Martinez of Jerome; and Jackie Werner of Eden.

## Births

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tod Stevenson of Rupert; and to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Fairchild, also of Rupert.

## MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

## Admitted

Velma Hunter, Laurie Lawson, Avery McLane, Margorie Caldwell, Milton Hill and Laura Fisher, all of Rupert.

## Released

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## Valley life

# Guest unwilling to pay invitation price

**DEAR ABBY:** I am enclosing a copy of an invitation to a wedding anniversary celebration. The original is on quality bond paper with gold lettering. As you can see by the reply card, in order to attend this event, one must enclose \$20 per person. As it states, this includes the meal, gift, tax and gratuity. My only responsibility is to pay!

The guests do not have a choice of gift or menu, only the pleasure of paying for them. I was always under the impression that an invited guest was a "guest," who was not expected to pay for the event he/she was invited to. Or am I old-fashioned?

I am interested in knowing if this method of celebration is practiced in other parts of the United States, or is this only a Vermont custom. Perhaps some of your Vermont readers would care to comment.



**Dear Abby**  
Abigail VanBuren

**—JUST WONDERING IN VERMONT**

**DEAR WONDERING:** I have heard of "dutch treat" affairs where the guests pay their own way, but I have never heard of a wedding anniversary celebration at which the "guests" paid for their own dinners. Readers?

**DEAR ABBY:** I had to work, so my wife went alone to my parents' home for lunch. My brother and sister were there, too. While everyone was eating, the subject of bed-wetting came up, and my dad announced that I had wet

the bed until I was 12. Then my sister turned to my wife and said, "Now you know the truth."

Abby, I had already told my wife, but if I hadn't, I would have felt humiliated to have had something so personal announced at a family gathering. How would you handle this, Abby?

**—NO NAME, PLEASE**

**DEAR NO NAME:** Tell Dad (privately) that his announcing that you had been a longtime bed-wetter was inappropriate, and you would appreciate it if he didn't mention it again.

**DEAR ABBY:** In response to your reply to "Grateful in Omaha," I have felt strongly about this issue for a long time, but when I saw it appear in your column, I knew I had to comment.

Grateful was extremely happy that you had steered her to Al-Anon and said, "Thank you, thank you, thank

you." You replied, "Please don't thank me," etc.

My complaint is that so many people reply to a heartfelt thank-you with a comment such as yours — "Don't thank me — it's my job," or "Don't mention it," or something along those lines. This leaves the very grateful person standing there with egg on his face, feeling quite deflated for having opened up with a deeply felt emotion.

We teach our children to say "Thank you," but when they receive a reply such as one of the above, it's like getting a kick in the teeth. It would be much easier not to say thank you than to receive such a thoughtless reply. It would be just as easy to say, "You're welcome," or, "I'm glad I was able to help" — then everyone would come away from the situation with a feeling of satisfaction.

Thank you for hearing me out.

**—J.M.L., MARSHFIELD, WISC.**

**DEAR J.M.L.:** You're welcome.

## How much of the right foods is enough?

**Editor's note:** Due to page composition problems, the food guide story and popcorn recipe in Wednesday's features section did not include any reprints. The story and recipe are reprinted in their entirety.

The USDA Food Guide Pyramid gives a range of servings for each food group. The number of servings that are right for you varies, but almost everyone should eat at least the lowest number of servings in each range on a daily basis. So:

- Eat 6 to 11 servings of grain products. Count as one serving: ½ cup cooked rice, cereal or pasta; 1 slice bread; ½ bun, bagel or English muffin; and 1 ounce dry, ready-to-eat cereal.
- For fruits, eat two or more servings daily. Count as one serving: ½ cup cherries or other small or diced fruit; 1 medium apple, orange or banana; or ½ cup juice.
- For vegetables, you need three or more servings. Count as one serving: 1 cup raw leafy greens or ½ cup other kinds of vegetables.
- You need two to three servings

of milk, yogurt or cheese. Count 1 cup milk or yogurt, 1½ ounces natural cheese or 2 ounces processed cheese as one serving.

- Eat two to three servings turkey, other poultry, meat, fish, dry beans, eggs, walnuts and other nuts. Count as one serving: 2 to 3 ounces cooked lean meat, poultry or fish; ½ cup cooked dry beans; or 1 egg.
- Use fats, oils and sweets sparingly.
- For recipes that contain foods from several groups, do the best you can to estimate the number of servings for the main ingredients. Some ingredients may not be a whole serving; add

up partial servings from all meals each day.

**YUMMY YOGURT POPCORN**

2½ quarts popped popcorn  
1 cup plain low-fat yogurt  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/3 cup light corn syrup

Put popped popcorn in a large bowl and keep warm. In a 2½ quart saucepan, combine yogurt, brown sugar and corn syrup. Cook and stir over medium heat to hard ball stage (250 degrees on candy thermometer). Pour over popped popcorn, stirring to coat. Makes 2½ quarts.

## CSI plans class on recruiting, motivating

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — Mike McClymonds will instruct a three-credit supervision course that will cover recruiting, selecting, training, evaluating, compensating, instructing and motivating employees this semester at the College of Southern Idaho.

The class is set for 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursdays, beginning Jan. 20, in Room A24 of the Evergreen Building. McClymonds will place emphasis on techniques that result in maximum employee production while morale and cooperation are kept at a high level.

Registration may be done in the Taylor Building Records Office. For more information, call McClymonds at 733-9554, extension 406.

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## New Directions Center slates PEER class

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho Center for New Directions has scheduled an evening Program for Education/Employment Readiness.

The PEER program is intended for people changing directions in their lives. It provides help in making suc-

cessful choices. The course includes information on self-esteem; communication; stress, time and financial management; job search; and going back to school. The class is set for 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning this Tuesday, in Desert 113. One credit per module may be earned, and scholarships are available. For more information, call the center at 736-0070.

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# Outdoors

## Use sense, not scents, to bag deer

I am here to say, once and forever, scent doesn't matter when it comes to hunting deer.

Don't get me wrong. I have been fanatic about proper scent. I scrub my hunting clothes in scent-free soap, then pack them in leaf-filled bags. I shower at 4 a.m. with an approved sportsman's deodorant. I cease smoking cigars around my gear at least a week before the hunt.

**John Husar**  
Outdoors

In the days when I still gulped breakfast in greasy, smoke-filled local cafes, I would leave my purified sweater, hat, corollas, rubber boots and socks in the truck. I would dance in my socks on the frozen or soggy gravel, donning my game suit like a sandlot football player who hangs his gear on a tree in the park.

Heading to my stand, I still paranoidly test the wind every 100 yards to make sure I have the breeze in my face and not the deer's.

And once in my area, I sort of turn into a mad rhinologist, pouring rich brews of artificial scent into scads of little cotton-filled film canisters to place at strategic points along my shooting lanes.

I diabolically squirt a drop of doe urine into a rutting buck's fresh scrape, hoping to mesmerize him with longing. I hang a swath of cotton sprinkled with the latest brand of "eau de tarsal gland" to make his neck swell with competitive rage. I cover my tracks in fox urine, uncap a can of fermented apple juice beneath an adjoining tree, dust my clothes with scent-killing powder.

Then I climb into my stand and sit back to await the show. Often, nothing happens. But my pal Snokey Bierbaum gets his deer. He stalks around in the same old orange coveralls he retrieves each year from the corner of his garage, puffs on vile, tiny cigars and gets a buck every time.

Gary Quincy fires up a cigarette behind every tree, and the deer practically eat out of his hand.

At Turkey Trot Rod & Gun, the guys storm into the clubhouse early for lunch, grill a mess of Italian sausage in onions, garlic and peppers, then reek back out and slay deer.

OK, now that I'm a seasoned hunter, I'll admit I get a deer or two every year, but scent has little to do with it. I've learned how to judge a funneling trail for fresh activity, and I've figured out how to stay still and hidden. If the wind doesn't totally blow my cover, I know I'll see deer. It wouldn't matter if I were chomping on raw onions. The deer will try to go where they want to go, and I'll be in their way.

My wife served as a case for this notion last weekend in Illinois' second deer season. I had been putting her through my customary paces, and she had been going along like a trooper. I had all the gear aired out, the scent-free cereal and milk poured, cups of fairly scent-free coffee on the table. And where was she? Outside with the dog, sneaking a smoke by the barn.

All right, so marriage is an endless string of compromises.

We eased into the woods, straddled a pair of adjacent logs where three deer paths join a country lane and silently waited. Forty-five minutes later, she stood above her very first button buck.

And her first words of triumph? "OK, so now can I have a cigarette?"

I would say she could have had one all along. The wind was in her face.

I killed a young buck two days later, and not because the area was pristine. I was perched in a tree stand behind some pheasant and chicken pens, and the deer came there because he was lonely.

I was playing with my game calls, arranging a symphony of fawn and doe bleats in the hope that a would-be papa deer might seek out an instant family.

After a plaintive doe call I heard galloping hooves reminiscent of a turf race at Sportsman's Park. I tried a buck grunt and nothing happened. I waited several minutes, then doe-bleated again.

A four-legged figure emerged from the shadows, following a worn trail toward my stand. He glanced everywhere but in my direction, and soon he was well within my shotgun range. Later, as I thanked his spirit for helping feed my family for another year, I realized none of my preparations had made a difference.

Down there, where the deer lay, the swirling wind had changed direction. This buck had been so intent upon finding company, he never noticed the foreign scent that had to be floating from my tree.

John Husar is a sports columnist for the Chicago Tribune.



Ice fishing on a late-December day produced 22 rainbows and plenty of good memories.

## Little Wood offers up hot fishing

By Stu Murrell  
Times-News correspondent

Ice fishing was excellent on a late-December trip to Little Wood Reservoir.

Our family of six caught 22 rainbow trout in four hours. The fish averaged 10 inches, with the biggest being 13 inches. All of them were in great condition with fat, pink-meated bodies.

The day was beautiful at the reservoir with bright sun and no wind. The snow capped Pioneer Mountains made a great backdrop for our activities. I have found this a common situation in this area when the inversion in the lower valley around Twin Falls causes fog or overcast conditions; the higher country is many times warmer and sunnier.

Contrary to Steve Crump's joking article on ice fishing, it need not be a survival test. Dressing warmly with several layers topped by a good windbreaker, warm headgear, gloves and felt-lined packs kept our family toasty all afternoon.

The one item that can cause problems if not working properly is the ice auger for drilling holes. Buy the best you can afford and keep the blades sharp. A power driven one is better yet if the motor starts easily. The ice on Little Wood Reservoir was about 14 inches thick and drilling through it took considerable effort.

We use our regular spinning outfits for fishing gear. Add a couple of split shot about six inches above the hook and with a piece of worm, salmon eggs or corn, you are ready to try your luck. Lower the bait to the bottom, then raise it a foot or so and get ready for action.

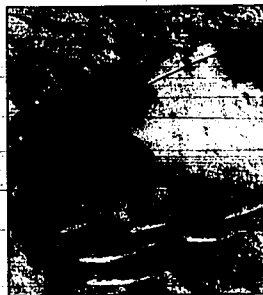
We drill our holes in a line 10 feet apart, starting in 10 feet or so of water, out to about 25 feet deep. Trout are typically moving in schools around the shoreline and this method picks up their feeding activity. The best times to catch fish are usually the first two hours of daylight and mid-afternoon. We also hit a feeding flurry just as the sun went behind the mountains at about 4 p.m.

Trout tend to nibble very gently under winter conditions, so a light rod tip is helpful. Let them have the bait, strike sharply, and reel continuously up and out of the hole. We probably missed five or six fish for every one caught.

If you have young children, such as our 3- and 7-year-old grandchildren, bring a sled along for entertainment. They pulled each other around on the ice between catching



Don't spare the expense when buying an ice auger. You don't want problems when you're in the middle of a frozen lake and ready for a full day of fishing. Karlissa Murrell lands a healthy rainbow. A sled provides entertainment for the young ones if the fishing loses its magic.



fish and then playing with them afterwards. Lots of hot chocolate and goodies help to make the outing a pleasant one.

There are several reservoirs in the area that should provide good ice fishing this winter, based on last summer's catch rates. These include Little Wood, Fish Creek, and Magic to the north, with Roseworth and Salmon Falls Creek Reservoirs to the south.

Be sure and check the ice depths for safety before fishing. About three or more

inches of ice is considered sufficient to support people. Be cautious about running a snow machine or 4-wheeler since they require thicker ice.

Ice fishing regulations have not changed in this area. There is a limit of five poles (in open water there is a one pole limit), five hooks on a line, and the standard trout-landlocked salmon limit of six fish (with no size restrictions). Don't forget to buy your new fishing license for 1994 and pick up a copy of the regulations.

## Mild winter means care needed on ice

The Times-News

JEROME — Ice fishing on Magic Valley Reservoirs has been pretty good, reports Fred Partridge, Magic Valley region fishery manager.

"Most of our reservoirs are iced over now but some of the conditions at lower elevations might be marginal. People should keep their common sense about them by testing the ice," he cautioned.

Magic Reservoir has yielded trout up to four pounds. Catch rates have been "decent" on Fish Creek and Little Wood reservoirs.

Most of the fish are 10 to 11 inches and in good body conditions. They are fingerlings from last spring's plant.

"There is that occasional 2-pound, 18-inch fish coming out of those two reservoirs," Partridge said.

Those conditions are fairly closely mirrored at Salmon Falls and Roseworth reservoirs in southern Twin Falls County.

"Both have produced some nice fish," Partridge said. A few 5-pound trout have come out of Lake Walcott.

Salmon Falls has open water in the middle and fishermen should keep their forays confined to bays. He added many of the reservoirs have poor ice quality or open water the first few feet from shore. Anglers should bring a pair of hip boots to overcome those obstacles.

The last of Partridge's warnings was fishing licenses run on the calendar year. A 1994 license is now required.



Partridge

## Biologist leads bird recovery program

By Larry Hovey  
Times-News writer

JEROME — Jack Connelly, principal wildlife research biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, has been named to head up a ring-necked pheasant management team for Gooding and Bingham counties.

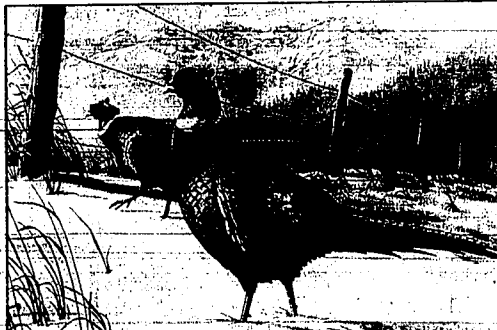
Connelly, a PhD out of Washington State University, will oversee the department's experimentation designed to recoup southern Idaho's devastated pheasant populations.

Planning is already underway in the Pocatello and Jerome regional offices of the department and a Gooding County committee met Tuesday night to formulate plans for its participation.

"We are talking about a lot of things that predator control to habitat over some pretty large areas," said Randy Smith, Magic Valley region biologist. "This is going to be a major effort."

Magic Valley's pheasant population was reduced almost to remnant status by three major winters in the early 1980s. Due to dwindling habitat, increased predation and the dozens of other factors that affect living conditions, there has been little rebound.

Department spokesman previously have



Fish and Game's program to rehabilitate the pheasant population will concentrate on habitat areas where development can be measured.

said that predator control will not necessarily mean killing of predators. They noted eliminating habitat requirements of the various species would control and/or alleviate the numbers of predators in designated areas.

Fine tuning those predator-management techniques will be a large portion of the study.

The major thrust, however, will be special habitat areas where intensive habitat

## Fishing group criticizes plan for salmon

BOISE — A plan released by the National Marine Fisheries Service Salmon Recovery Team, has come under heavy criticism by Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited.

Mitch Sanchothana, executive coordinator of the group, called the plan flawed and hinging on the verge of being ludicrous and capricious.

"The plan effects all Idahoans," he said. "This plan not only adversely affects our timber, livestock and agriculture communities and subsequent economies, it has tremendous negative impacts on Idaho's sports anglers — both those who fish for resident fish as well as steelhead and salmon."

He said the burden placed on Idaho is unfair and does not serve sockeye and chinook salmon from statutory protection under the endangered species act.

"People need to know the fed's plan includes removing all limits and sport fishing restrictions on small-mouth bass and catfish in an attempt to eradicate these species from the Snake and Salmon Rivers," he said.

"It also would require strict or eliminate planting of rainbow trout in Stanley Basin lakes and streams — including the Salmon River. Reducing hatchery produc-

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## Briefly

### Outdoor writer, fisherman will speak

**BUILH** — David Hughes, noted outdoor writer, photographer and fly fisherman, will be the featured clinician at the annual Magic Valley Flyfishers banquet Jan. 29 at Clear Lake Country Club.

The event, \$25 for singles and \$45 for couples, begins with a no-host bar at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

Hughes, author of 14 books including *Tactics for Trout and Strategies for Still Water*, will conduct a seminar from 10 to 11:30 a.m. "Come hear Dave in the morning and fish Clear Lake all afternoon," said spokesman Tim Corner.

The ticket price includes a prime rib dinner and a year's membership in MVFF. The dinner will be followed by raffles, auctions and other prizes.

Tickets may be obtained from Corner at 734-8208 or 324-3800 or Mick Hodges at 734-5449 or 734-2011.

### Montana trout test Idaho fisheries

**TWIN FALLS** — About 80 five-to-eight-pound trout from the Ennis, Mont., national fish hatchery have been planted in three Magic Valley urban fisheries, reports Fred Partridge, Magic Valley Region fisheries manager.

Partridge said between 25 and 30 fish went into the three releases at Freedom Park in Burley, Rock Creek County park in Twin Falls and Crystal Lake, south of Wendell in Snake River canyon.

He said the Ennis hatchery is scheduled to ship more surplus brood stock into Idaho this week but those fish will be planted around Pocatello.

The hatchery may have enough surplus for a late-spring release back in this area.

### PBS show looks at Idaho bighorns

**BOISE** — Bighorn sheep and secrets to predator-calling highlight the January production of "Incredible Idaho."

The 30-minute television program, packaged by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, will air on K38AS (channel six) in Twin Falls at 7 p.m. Jan. 28.

The bighorn segment takes cameras to the Salmon River area, home and refuge of Idaho's Rocky Mountain species. The snows have brought the bighorns down from the high country. Rams display their horns in the pagentry of the breeding season.

Biologists John Beecham and Jeff Rohlfman will be shown returning two sets of young bear cubs to the wild. They were found orphaned.

Biologists Gary Power and Mark Litter will conduct the predator calling session, sharing the secrets of bringing coyotes, bobcats or fox within easy camera range.

### Outfitters seek operating licenses

**CHALLIS** — The Middle Fork Ranger District of the Challis National Forest is seeking public comment on the re-issuance of special-use permits for five land-based outfitters operating within the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

Four of the outfitters have been operating for a minimum of five years. The permits will be issued for five years and will include an annual review and mandatory approval of the operation.

The outfitter operations or managing agencies are Cougar Ranch, Inc.; Diamond D Ranch; Middle Fork Lodge, Inc.; Loon Creek Ranch, Inc., and Middle Fork Ranch, Inc.

Comment will be accepted through Feb. 11. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Laurie Matthews, resource specialist, or district ranger Ray Cullinane at box 750, Challis, 83226 or by telephoning 879-5204.

### Mallard banding up 81 %part of '93

**BOISE** — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game banded 5,214 ducks during the summer of 1993. Mallards made up 81 percent with pintails at 1.3 percent and 14 others species, 18 percent.

The banding is an attempt to follow the migratory and distribution of ducks after leaving the rearing areas. Banding normally done by the Shoshone-Bannock tribes on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation wasn't attempted due to high water in the Snake River and American Falls Reservoir.

### Yellowstone visitation down slightly

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo.** — The number of visitors to Yellowstone National Park in 1993 declined slightly from 1992.

Park officials said 2,912,193 people visited the park in 1993, a decline of about 300,000 from 1992.

Park spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews said much of the 7.3 percent decline from last year's visitation of 3.2 million is due in part to the wet and cold weather last spring and summer. However, she said the method for counting visitors has also changed and that could have affected the final numbers.

Matthews said if the old system of counting visitors had been used, the numbers for 1993 might have come out close to the numbers for 1992.

### Bison leave snowbound Yellowstone

**CODY, Wyo.** — Bison moving out of Yellowstone National Park to escape its heavy snows have turned up once again in the Northfork area east of the park.

But officials said only five bison have appeared so far this winter, compared to nine last season.

Bison each year move out of the park to escape heavy snows at higher elevations. While many move north, some have moved east towards Cody in recent years.

Gary Brown of the state Game and Fish Department said two mature bison bulls turned up at the Wapiti Ranger Station in late October and three more were seen last week near the park's east entrance gate. Brown said more bison could turn up in the future if more snow reaches the park.

Brown said he believes all five of the bison had spent the winter in the Northfork area last year and probably will return in future years.

Compiled from wire reports

# Experts converge on salmon seminar

**SEATTLE** — Something is fishy in the North Pacific Ocean.

From the Sacramento River in California to the Fraser in British Columbia, 314 salmon runs are in serious and in some cases catastrophic decline. Several runs are on the Endangered Species List, and more are likely on the way.

Alaska, however, enjoyed the biggest salmon catch on record in 1993, 192 million fish.

What gives?

The North Pacific has been out of whack since 1976, oceanographer William Pearcy of Oregon State University told a conference of nearly 400 fish managers and biologists meeting in Seattle to discuss the crisis.

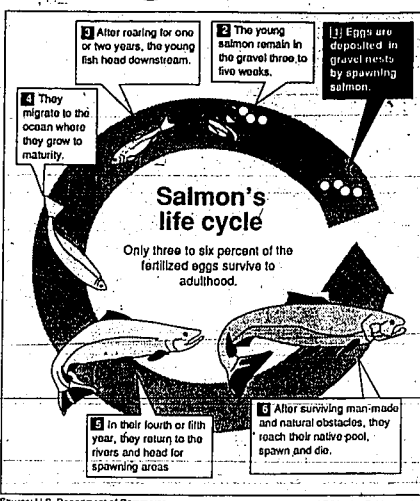
The University of Washington event is designed to bring together some of the region's top fish scientists on an issue threatening a billion-dollar fish industry and costing Northwest residents more than \$100 million a year in studies, hatcheries, stream improvements and lost power sales.

Ocean winds, water currents, the concentration of plankton and water temperatures all shifted in 1976, Pearcy said, making conditions ideal for salmon in Alaska and poor off California, Oregon and Washington.

Repeated El Niño warnings of the equatorial Pacific during this period have made coastal waters here too warm, depressing ocean nutrients. At the same time there have been almost no La Niña coolings to counterbalance the warmings.

A similar cycle is suspected to have occurred in the 1920s and 1930s. The reason is unknown.

Some industry spokesmen and hydropower managers have seized on



Pearcy's research to argue that with ocean conditions so poor, taking expensive steps to help salmon in Pacific Northwest rivers is futile.

Pearcy, however, reaches the opposite conclusion. "We have to be improving in Alaska and northern British Columbia, statistics elsewhere detail a tale of woe.

One that drew a laugh was offered by Jay Nichols of the Oregon De-

partments of Fish and Wildlife.

He showed that as the numbers of fishery biologists and their data have gone up, the numbers of salmon have gone down.

Jim Lichtowich, an outspoken former Oregon Fisheries Department manager and now a consultant, said the problem has not been biological data but the refusal of biologists to heed it. "We know a lot more than we are willing to put into practice at this time," Lichtowich said.

Besides weird ocean conditions, biologists cited a number of other problems:

- Hundreds of dams have eliminated more than half the salmon spawning habitat in the Columbia Basin and plugged scores of other streams, killing fish trying to pass up or down. "We've got a clogged artery," said Peter Hassmer of Idaho Fish and Game.

- Salmon hatcheries have proved a curse as well as a blessing, putting more fish into streams than they can support, introducing disease and weakening the genes of wild fish that allow them to survive.

- Over-harvesting of salmon, particularly wild stocks, has been in decline for more than a century.

- Logging, grazing, mining, urban pollution and other human development have wounded the environment that supports clean streams.

Lichtowich said the public needs to sound an alarm. "People have to understand we're down to the last 10 or 20 percent, sometimes the last 1 to 2 percent" of salmon on many streams, he said.

"The consequence of failure is they are going to slip out of existence."

## Success of hatcheries comes at a price

**SEATTLE (AP)** — By some measures, hatcheries have been successful in making up for Northwest salmon stocks lost through overfishing and habitat destruction, a salmon conference was told recently.

But that doesn't mean they are universally appreciated, said Christopher Frissell, an Oregon State University biologist.

"We have hatchery fish in great abundance. We're getting the results we wanted. But society is finding it doesn't like the results," he told the 400 scientists and others attending the University of Washington conference.

Over the years, salmon have been treated primarily as a food source, he said, with scientists and fish managers moving them around and changing their characteristics to meet human needs.

When the numbers of salmon faltered, as early as the 1880s, hatcheries were introduced.

The result has been extinction of runs on many streams between Washington and central California, low numbers of fish on most others, and limited ability of many of the remaining wild salmon to adjust to a changing habitat.

Salmon that once had the genetic ability to adapt to a wide variety of natural circumstances now have been "dumbed down" so those abilities are lacking.

While there are some things fish scientists and managers can do to preserve and restore some of the salmon's natural abilities, sometimes the best

### Salmon that once had the genetic ability to adapt to a wide variety of natural circumstances now have been 'dumbed down' so those abilities are lacking.

thing to do is leave them alone to re-adapt — while reestablishing lost habitat, Frissell said.

"We need to ... get off their backs," he said.

The three-day conference, titled "Pacific Salmon and Their Ecosystems," continues through Wednesday. It is sponsored by the University of Washington and 17 other federal, state and local agencies.

The conference deals with the declining numbers of salmon in Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho. Studies indicate 341 salmon stocks are threatened with extinction.

Many speakers faulted hatcheries as being a major cause of declining numbers of wild salmon, because they come from species weaker, stronger wild salmon by interbreeding and can be sources of salmon diseases. Also, the monetary cost of raising salmon in hatcheries has been high, as they failed to produce advertised numbers of surviving adult fish.

However, Jerry Bauer of the Bonneville Power Administration said that while hatcheries are now considered "politically incorrect," it would be a

mistake to close them. For one thing, he said hatchery fish are needed to keep adequate numbers of fish coming back to the Columbia River system, where dozens of dams have taken a huge toll on original salmon runs.

He said hatcheries should be improved, to play a part as the Northwest begins to pump millions of dollars into improving habitat to try to rebuild naturally spawning salmon runs.

Kurt Fresh, research scientist with the Washington Department of Fisheries, dispelled any concern the concrete fish incubators would soon become a thing of the past.

"Trying to close a hatchery is like trying to close a school," he agreed in an interview. He said that while fish scientists and managers have begun to lose faith in hatcheries, state legislators and commercial and sports fishermen have not.

In fact, the cost of Washington sports fishing licenses is being increased by about \$10, with much of the money earmarked by the Legislature for increased hatchery production, he said.

"They (hatcheries) didn't work 30 years ago. What makes them think they will work any better now?" he said.

Robert Francis, director of the UW Fisheries Research Institute, suggested better controls over numbers of young hatchery fish released into Northwest rivers.

"I'm amazed that we have no control of hatchery releases on a large scale," he said. "All we regulate is (salmon) harvest."

## Smelter owners, workers pan salmon plan

**WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP)** — It hasn't even been released yet, but representatives of one Columbia River aluminum plant don't like a National Marine Fisheries Service plan for saving salmon.

Carrying out the plan's drawdown provisions would drive up the cost of electricity and curtail aluminum smelter production, Alcoa officials and union leaders said Monday.

"The long-term impacts from this are very, very big," said Jack Speer, Alcoa power manager from Vancouver.

The Wenatchee Aluminum Trades Council and the Aluminum, Brick and Glass Workers Union also criticized the plan.

"If this goes through, I don't want to know what is going to happen because it's going to be a mess here in the valley," said Steve Powers, president of the Wenatchee Aluminum Trades Council.

A National Marine Fisheries Service official said a biological opinion on the agency's report, expected to be released sometime in February, is not yet complete.

Bob Jones, the agency's assistant regional director in Portland, Ore., declined to discuss the plan's provisions for increasing water flows to help Columbia River fish.

"I can't confirm the exact numbers, but what I've heard are outrageous," said Roger Purdom, head of power production for the Chelan County Public Utility District.

The numbers (that are being proposed) would empty U.S. storage.

Purdom said the higher cost of generating power from low water flows would lead to higher rates for utility customers.

NMFS has been negotiating with the Bonneville Power Administration on the water volumes, but the two agencies apparently have been unable to agree.

The BPA and other federal agencies are pushing for flow amounts between 5-million- and 8-million-acre-feet of water a year, less than half that purportedly being sought by the NMFS.

NMFS officials contend increased water flows on the Columbia River system will help rebuild the population of threatened salmon. Other agencies have said there is no scientific evidence to back that up.

Should the NMFS proposal be adopted, electric power users could be asked to pay rate increases of 25 percent to 30 percent in the next two years, Alcoa's Speer said.

At the Alcoa smelter south of Wenatchee, power costs would rise by \$15 million to \$30 million a year, throwing more people out of work, Speer said. The company can't pass increased power costs on to customers because aluminum prices are set on the world market.

Dennis Carney, smelter manager, said Alcoa likely would shut down its three Bonneville Power Administration lines and use only its two Chelan County Public Utility District lines.

"We can't make aluminum at those costs," Carney said.

Charlie Larson, president of the Aluminum, Brick and Glass Workers Union, said about 200 more jobs would be lost at the smelter if the company shut down its BPA lines.

Last year, power costs rose by \$4.1 million at the Alcoa smelter. Those power hikes, as well as low aluminum prices, forced the company to cut 140 jobs and reduce production.

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ing trend of Idaho's salmon — even if the feds could grab all of it. And surely hatchery fish are not responsible for the extinction of wild fish. Politicians and political institutions are the ones responsible."

Sanchez also pointed out that Idaho's salmon habitat is protected by thousands of acres of wilderness and that habitat is not producing any returning adult salmon.

"Idaho's salmon bedrocks are in good to excellent condition and the recovery team needs to look to the problems caused by federal hydropower dams in Oregon and Washington and Idaho's congressional delegation needs to encourage recovery efforts downstream — not support the current plan that attacks Idaho's industries and recreationalists," Sanchez said.

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ing together rapidly now and should be ready for Fish and Game Commission final review in the next couple of weeks.

"It may be into February before we get things going" at the selected sites, he said. "But we want to get into the project as early as possible."

"Help and cooperation from landowners and hunters will be an important part of this program," he said. "Together we can do some things for pheasants that have never been done before anywhere in the U.S."

Smith said local planning is com-

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# Drownings highlight hazards of gill nets

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ST. IGNACE, Mich. — While this tragedy was just waiting to happen, it's likely no one will ever know how the 17-foot outboard boat Pinky Lee became entangled in an Indian fisherman's gill net and sank in St. Martin Bay last Sept. 4.

The three men on board are dead.

A statement released recently by Mackinac County prosecutor Dan Dowdell said that when it was hauled up from 29 feet of water, the boat had nylon net wrapped so tightly around its trolling motor, the propeller couldn't be turned. The net was 1,800 feet long and 35 feet deep.

My guess is James Swickowski of Kalkaska, his son Marty, 18, and brother Daniel were trolling for salmon when the boat hit the net.

There are conflicting weather reports. A videotape relatives made of the boat leaving a Carp River dock at the west side of the bay shows calm water. Indian fishermen, who said they were driven in by high seas, reportedly warned the men not to launch. A spokesman for the Indians admitted that report hadn't been confirmed, but people on the east side of the bay reported big seas.

If any kind of sea was running, Pinky Lee would soon have swung stem to the waves as the net acted like a big sea anchor. And I suspect there had to be something of a seaway — and perhaps with the added weight of someone in the stern trying frantically to pull the net loose — or the small boat wouldn't have been pooped by waves breaking over her transom.

Whatever happened was quick. The U.S. Coast Guard station at St. Ignace later discovered it had

**'We've made every effort to mark those nets properly, but in light of the tragedy, the whole system is under review.'**

— John Hatch,

Chippewas spokesman, on boats being caught in nets that aren't properly marked with flags

taped a radio distress call from St. Martin Bay at 1:15 p.m. Sept. 4. No one noticed at the time because the 10-second call was masked by a stronger transmission from another boat.

Something else that makes me suspect rough conditions is that fact that none of the men swam to shore, not even Marty, who was wearing a life jacket. Northern Lake Huron is near its warmest in early September, and I suspect at least one would have made it if the water was calm.

They aren't the first sport fishermen to run into a gill net in the area. What's so infuriating is that it took three deaths to get state officials and Indian fishermen to admit gill nets are more than a mere inconvenience in St. Martin Bay.

Phil Pittman at the Le Cheneux Club in Cedarville said, "We've been screaming about this since 1985," when modifications to Indian fishing rights concentrated large numbers of nets in St. Martin Bay. Sept. 4, about a dozen Native American fishermen laid more than 30 nets in the

bay, each more than 1,500 feet long.

"The federal government and the state won't listen to us," Pittman said. "There was even a case where three tribal fishermen drowned when they were caught in their own nets. There have been at least eight reports of boats being caught in the nets in the last two years, and I know of some other cases that weren't reported. At one point, the Indians laid so many nets right in front of the Coast Guard station that the Coast Guard boats couldn't get out."

The nets are hard to see if there's a chop. And a friend and I learned that when we ran into one as we were returning from Bois Blanc Island to Carp River two years ago. We didn't get tangled, but we checked both ends of the net for warning flags. There weren't any.

Pittman said a major problem is that some fishermen don't put the required flag at one end of the net. Even if the net is marked, it's almost impossible to see at night.

John Hatch, a spokesman for the Chippewas in Sault Ste. Marie, said, "We've made every effort to mark those nets properly, but in light of the tragedy, the whole system is under review."

Hatch said some of those nets are not set by Indians but by others fishing illegally. He suggested that might explain the lack of markers, adding "we want to know about unmarked nets as quickly as possible" so that tribal officials can attempt to catch the people setting them.

But Hatch admitted unmarked nets are "a community-wide problem" and said a new mechanism will be on hand to prevent further tragedies by the time the next salmon run starts in late August.

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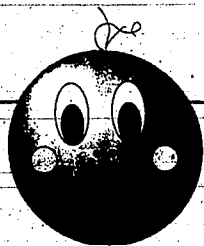








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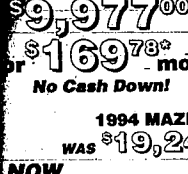
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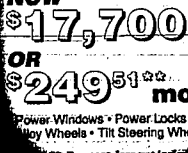
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— Tony Kornheiser of the Washington Post of the likelihood of Buddy Ryan putting the Oilers' defense in an all-out assault to knock Joe Montana out of this weekend's playoff game

### Briefly

#### Rupert Elks Hoop Shoot set for Saturday

RUPERT — The Rupert Elks will hold their hoop shoot competition at the Rupert Civic Gym Saturday. Boys and girls aged 8-13 are eligible. Registration is 8:30-9 a.m. Saturday. For more information, contact Bob Maloney at 436-3110 or 436-3119.

#### Panhandle businessmen meet with county to draw baseball

COEUR D'ALENE — A local group of businessmen trying to bring professional baseball to Coeur d'Alene plans to meet with Kootenai County officials this week about the possibility of a county-financed ballpark.

Steve Delgado, spokesman for the Coeur d'Alene Baseball Task Force, said his group believes the Kootenai County Fairgrounds would be an excellent site for a stadium.

The Western League, a minor league planning to operate in the West and possibly southwestern British Columbia in 1995, has promised Coeur d'Alene a team if a suitable facility is available.

#### Weber State assistant receives jail term for sexual abuse

OGDEN, Utah — Weber State assistant football coach Todd Larson was sentenced to jail in Alaska for attempted sexual abuse of a 15-year-old girl.

A jury convicted Larson, 33, on Dec. 30 in Fairbanks. A superior court judge gave Larson the maximum one-year jail term, but suspended seven months and said Larson could serve the remaining five months over the next two summers.

He must spend at least 60 days in a Fairbanks jail this summer.

Larson taught physical education and coached football at North Pole High School near Fairbanks from 1985 to 1990. The alleged incident occurred in the fall of 1989.

Larson also was sentenced to three years probation and must undergo a sex offender evaluation with a licensed therapist in Utah and comply with the therapist's recommendations. He cannot have unsupervised contact with girls under 16 while on probation.

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Rat River at Hansen 7:30 p.m.

Prep girls' basketball  
Minico at Highland 7:30 p.m.  
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## Outta here

Twin Falls' Brad Starley has a shot rejected by David Willis of Highland Wednesday night in Twin Falls. At left is Josh Amundson.



MIKE BALBIRUT/The Times-News

## Briuns jump to early lead on way to victory over Rams

By Larry Hovey  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One thing Twin Falls basketball Coach Ben Allen likes about these 1993-94 Bruins is that "within a minute and 35 seconds you know if it's going to be a win or a struggle."

"I knew we were playing pretty well. We came out ready to go," Allen said Wednesday night after the Bruins whipped Highland 62-45 in a Region III Class A-1 battle.

What that amounted to was the Bruins hitting four three-point goals in the first five minutes and rushing into a 19-4 first-quarter lead.

"Now we have to work on sustaining that intensity for longer periods of time," said Allen. And that referred directly to a great third-quarter hustle play by Brad Starley that ultimately was the decisive wake-up call.

The Bruins started the second half flat and saw the Rams climb back to within 14 points.

After Zeke Heatherington hit a Bruin bucket, Starley slapped the ball loose from a Highland guard. He chased it into backcourt and was just able to get off a left-handed behind-the-back toss toward midcourt as he fell out of bounds.

No other Bruins were following the hustle play but Starley continued sprinting, took the loose ball between Highland players and stormed into for a crumble.

Please see BRUINS/D2

## CSI ponders lower Eagle gate

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho hierarchy will be taking a close look at gate receipts at Golden Eagle basketball games the remainder of the year.

At a time when costs are soaring, income at the college — very much like local high schools — is dropping. Not a lot, but dropping.

And it has caused a bunch of heads to be put together to try to define the major causes. So far responsibility can be placed at a dozen places.

The income side has some very real caps. The number of seats in the CSI gymnasium isn't keeping up with inflation. The Eagles have not raised ticket prices for years, but that only prompts the question of whether a



Larry Hovey  
Sports

gate increase would result in more income or fewer fans in the stands.

The imponderables are advertising and concessions. Of those two, the one least adapted to preseason budget-fixing is concession income because it is dependent on attendance.

To be sure, increased attendance also tends to make advertising more palatable to businesses.

The best way to make money, however, is to sell an admission ticket. The buyer walks in and his ticket is net. There's no real service or overhead attached to it. It's cash in the till. Concessions make money but require overhead and service. Advertising requires printing or painting.

The pre-year budget also is susceptible to major change. For instance, this year CSI's volleyball team journeyed to Florida to win the national championship. Everyone was happy. But the budget took about a \$15,000 unexpected hit.

Should the basketball team go to nationals or the women's basketball team, the budget

Please see CSI/D2

## Baseball honors Carlton

Fan support proves too little as voters keep ex-Giant Cepeda out

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — There was no question Steve Carlton was going to the Hall of Fame on his first try. The big question was whether Orlando Cepeda would join him on his last chance.

Carlton, the only pitcher to win four Cy Young Awards, was overwhelmingly elected Wednesday, receiving 436 of 455 votes (95.8 percent).

But Cepeda, boosted by a big letter-writing campaign by the San Francisco Giants and members of Congress, fell seven votes short in his 15th and final attempt. "It is heartbreaking because if only seven votes could've gone the other way, it would've been enough," Cepeda said from Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

"It's like losing a ballgame 1-0 when you had so many opportunities to win."

Cepeda received 73.6 percent of the votes. It takes 75 percent to be elected, which meant 342 votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Along with Cepeda (335 votes), others who missed this time were 300-game winners Phil Niekro (273 votes) and Don Sutton (259), and Tony Perez (263). Cepeda and Perez each hit 379 home runs.

Carlton was 329-244 with a 3.22 ERA in a career from 1965-88, most of it with the Philadelphia Phillies. He is ninth on baseball's win list — second among left-handers to Warren Spahn's 363 victories — and second in strikeouts with 4,136. "Lefty" shares the NL record of 19 strikeouts in a game. "While I've never been one to place a great emphasis on individual awards, I'm touched to be elected to the Hall of Fame," Carlton said. "To be included among the game's greatest players is truly a great honor."

One of the top players Carlton played with was Cepeda. Together, they helped the St. Louis Cardinals reach the World Series in 1967-68.

Cepeda, however, became the third player in the last decade to just miss election. Nellie Fox fell two votes shy in 1985 and Jim Bunning was seven votes short in 1988. In three years, Cepeda can become a candidate for selection to the Hall by the Veterans Committee.

"I knew it was going to be close right from the beginning," said Cepeda, who received 59.6 percent last January. "I was disappointed."



Carlton



Cepeda

## Skater Harding no stranger to controversy

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — With one thrilling, near-perfect performance Saturday night, Tonya Harding won her second U.S. figure skating championship, seemingly silenced her critics and put behind a lifetime of controversy.

Harding returned home in triumph Monday night, telling fans who met her at the airport that she is determined to win the gold medal at the Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

Two days later, the 23-year-old skater again was embroiled in controversy as the FBI investigated allegations that her husband, Jeff Gillooly, and her bodyguard, Shawn Eckardt, may have been involved in the attack on rival skater Nancy Kerrigan.

Asked by reporters at the airport whether she had anything to do with the attack, Harding replied: "You guys know me better than that."

"I had my hopes for a long time of competing against Nancy and proving I'm as good as her and better," she said.

Harding did skate marvelously Saturday night, nailing jumps and performing with much more maturity and confidence than she had in the past. Her past, especially off the ice, has been erratic.

Harding herself was the target of a death threat last fall that prevented her from competing at the Northwest Pacific Championships in Portland.

In her previous competitive appearance, at Skate America in

Please see HARDING/D3



Flanked by her bodyguard, Shawn Eckardt and father, Al Harding, Tonya Harding returns to Portland, Ore., Monday after winning the U.S. Figure Skating title over the weekend. Eckardt reportedly confessed to being involved in an attack on fellow skater Nancy Kerrigan.

**'I had my hopes for a long time of competing against Nancy and proving I'm as good as her and better.'**

— Tonya Harding



## Coaches join move to boycott

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Plans for a college basketball boycott gathered strength Wednesday, with more coaches supporting the unprecedented protest and talks with the NCAA broken off.

Rudy Washington, director of the Black Coaches Association and the basketball coach at Drake, would not say when the walkout would take place, but acknowledges it is likely to happen. He said the boycott would include players and could conceivably last the rest of the season.

Some coaches said they hoped to avoid such action but would participate in a show of unity. Others said they would continue to get their teams ready to play.

"There comes a point where you have to take a stand," said Washington State coach Kelvin Sampson, a member of the BCA. "A brush fire here or there isn't going to do anything. We've got to have solidarity on this."

Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson said he thinks a boycott is inevitable.

"It's very strong," he said.

A vote at the NCAA convention against restoring a 14th scholarship triggered the boycott plan.

Asked if the effort to consolidate support for a boycott was going as well as he expected, Washington replied, "Better."

The coaches could act as early as Saturday, which would coincide with the birthday of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Stopping games on a weekend also would knock a number of featured matchups off television, depriving the NCAA of revenue from those telecasts.

Claire Gaudiani, president of Connecticut College and a member of the executive committee of the NCAA Presidents Commission, said a boycott is not the right way to go about restoring a scholarship. "It wouldn't move me and I don't think it would move a lot of presidents."

She said the coaches would be better served by meeting with administrators and proposing ways to cut budgets if they wanted to free money for another scholarship.

# Skating world no stranger to intrigue

The Associated Press

Like palace intrigue in centuries past or the latest Washington gossip, the pristine, often pretentious world of figure skating thrives on nefarious suspicions.

Yet nothing in the exotic history of this sport, or perhaps any other except boxing, quite lives up to the investigation of allegations Wednesday that Tonya Harding's husband and bodyguard planned last week's attack on Nancy Kerrigan.

The intricate twist to the story hardly fits with the public's perception of one of America's most popular sports, cherished for its refined, family oriented image as much as for its speed and glamour.

There has always been skepticism over the scruples of judges and the influence of politics on scores. Behind the scenes are interminable squabbles between coaches and skaters, tension among competitors, pairs switching partners, stalkers and death threats, and little-publicized

battles with bulimia and anorexia. Last year, AIDS afflicted several prominent Canadian skaters.

Figure skating is a sport of high drama and aspy soap opera, a sport where smiles are frozen in closeup on television as skaters await the flash of scores. No other sport evokes more tears, win or lose.

"Something always happens in figure skating," said Dick Button, Olympic gold medalist in 1948 and 1952 and longtime skating commentator for ABC. "Whether it was the time the music stopped and they had to skate without music."

"It's a very flamboyant sport. It's passionate, it's got people who desperately want things to happen. It's theater, is what it is. And the theater is made up of emotions and things that are alive. It is not Caspar Milquetoast wending his way through a meadow of flowers."

Sonja Henie transformed figure skating as a

sport, then again as a popular entertainment when she won the Olympic gold in 1928, 1932 and 1936. She became the world's first female sports superstar, leaping to Hollywood fame in the late 1930s and early '40s.

Henie also brought controversy, shaking hands with Adolf Hitler during the 1936 Olympics and perhaps befriending him. She was Tyrone Power's paramour, threw lavish Hollywood parties — she arrived atop an elephant at one — and, according to a biography of the late president, had an affair with John F. Kennedy.

"Sonja was a wonderful figure," Button said. "Boy, did she cut a swath through the world that left it in turmoil whenever she passed. She was wonderful. I loved her."

Tragedy intruded on the sport in 1961 when all 18 members of the U.S. national team and several prominent coaches died in a plane crash in Belgium on the way to the world championships in Prague.

But then with the emergence of Henie's mod-

ern successors, especially Peggy Fleming, Dorothy Hamill and Katarina Witt, glamour returned without the notoriety.

There were small dramas as in any sport: the tearful, last-minute withdrawal of national pair champions Tatiana Babinova and Randy Gardner from the 1980 Winter Olympics following Gardner's groin injury; accusations that Witt, a two-time gold medalist, had helped the East German secret police; the sentencing of a man to 37 months in a psychiatric hospital for stalking Witt and sending her obscene mail.

Witt stopped accepting flowers on the ice after performances several years ago when one spectator grabbed her arm and tried to pull her off the ice while handing her a bouquet. Brian Boitano skated to her rescue at that show at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Boitano's push to have professionals reinstated in the Olympics created a stir in the sport, resulting in whispers of grudge voting against the former pros when they compete in Lillehammer, next month.

# Bet on best records in weekend of football playoffs

The Associated Press

A word to the wise: While teams coming off a bye did poorly in the regular season against teams that had played the previous week, the playoffs are different.

That is, the best teams usually win and the best teams (with one exception) are the teams that got last week off.

So here are this week's games ... in order of appearance.

**Raiders (plus 64) at Buffalo**

The Los Angeles track club loved that 70-degree weather in the Coliseum. Now they get 7-degree weather.

OK, the Raiders won on Dec. 5, 25-24, but they haven't been the most consistent team this season: Yes, they beat Denver three times this year, but they always beat Denver — winning twice in Buffalo in one season is unlikely at best.

OK, this isn't the same Bills offense that clobbered the Raiders 51-3 in the 1990 AFC title game. And Jeff Hostetler isn't Jay Schroeder, he's the quarterback that beat the Bills in the Super Bowl for the Giants that year.

But you can run against the Raiders.

And Thurman Thomas will.

BILLS, 21-14

**New York Giants (plus 5) at San Francisco**

The Giants were the one team that played last week that probably deserved a bye, their record was better than the 49ers, but they had the misfortune to play in a division with Dallas.

So why the eight-point spread? Bill Walsh had a theory that San Francisco's proximity to Nevada always inflated the line on the Niners (he's neglected to say that they also were very good).

These 49ers still have the explosive offense. But the unsung defense that



New York Giants owner Wellington Mara watches his team practice Wednesday at the Rutgers indoor practice facility. The Giants travel to San Francisco for a game against the 49ers Saturday.

used to win Super Bowls for them now deserves to be unsung — it gave up 4.5 yards per rush, second worst in the league, not exactly the statistic you want going into the game with the league's best rushing attack.

Make this one a lot like the 1990 Super Bowl — the Giants control the

ball, the Niners move it.

49ERS, 20-19

**Green Bay (plus 136) at Dallas**

The Packers say that when they lost 36-14 to Dallas early in the season, they were in awe of the Super Bowl champions. That won't happen again.

The Giants, who lost 31-9 in Dallas, said that before they played Dallas again and took them to overtime. But this is back in Dallas, not in Green Bay, and the Packers are much more mistake-prone than the Giants.

One other thing — Erik Williams has usually done a good job on Reggie White.

If Emmitt Smith's shoulder isn't ready, everything changes. Otherwise, give the Packers five points for experience and make it ...

KANSAS CITY, 31-14

**Cowboys (plus 7) at Houston**

Someone asked Marty Schottenheimer Monday: "Do you think you have a chance to win?"

"That's what we're in business for," he replied.

The Chiefs have two shots:

• The law of averages — when a team wins 11 in a row, like the Oilers, something has to give.

• Joe Montana. The last time he faced a Buddy Ryan defense, he was sacked nine times. He also threw for 428 yards, including four fourth-quarter touchdowns.

But ...

OILERS, 30-24

## Hawks gain rare win over Bulls

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Hawks beat Chicago for the first time in seven meetings and extended their Central Division victory to three games with a 92-81 victory Wednesday night behind Dominique Wilkins' 19 points and 10 rebounds.

The Hawks won their sixth consecutive game overall and rebounded from a three-game sweep by the Bulls in last year's playoffs. Chicago also handed the Hawks their worst loss of the season on Nov. 6, 106-80.

The Bulls led only once, on Horace Grant's game-opening field goal, and committed a season-high 27 turnovers. Grant finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds for Chicago.

Steve Kerr scored five points in a row in the fourth quarter to cut Atlanta's lead to 81-72 with 4:56 to play. Then Stacey Augmon hit his first jumper of the season, rebuilding the margin to 84-72.

Wilkins scored eight points in the final 7:23 to keep the Hawks in front.

**Rockets 94, Celtics 84**

BOSTON (AP) — Boston tied a 45-year-old team record with its sixth straight home loss to Houston, behind

ter O'Neal made two free throws to trim the Cavs' advantage to 111-108.

**Pro basketball**

**Isakem Olajuwon's 37 points, broke a 12-year winless streak at Boston Garden.**

The Celtics cut their biggest deficit, 63-46 with 6:40 left in the second quarter, to 68-54, with 54 seconds to go in the third. But they came no closer.

The Celtics' home losing streak is their longest since 1948-49. They have lost 12 of 14 games and dropped to 13-22, the most they've been under .500 since 1978-79.

**Cavaliers 118, Magic 109**

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Gerald Williams scored a season-high 38 points, seven of them in final 1:15, as Cleveland held off Orlando.

Williams made 15 of 22 shots from the field, including six of eight 3-point attempts. Brad Deane had 25 points for the Cavs, while Mark Price made four of six 3-pointers and finished with 20 points.

The Magic, which got 25 points from Antwan Ford and 22 from Shaquille O'Neal, trailed 98-85 before rallying to a 105-103 deficit on Dennis Scott's 3-pointer with 3:16 remaining.

Cleveland regained control with a short jumper and two free throws by Deane. By Williams, who at that point hadn't scored in the fourth quarter, took over at-

ter O'Neal made two free throws to trim the Cavs' advantage to 111-108.

**76ers 117, Clippers 98**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jeff Hornacek scored 24 points and Dana Barros and Clarence Weatherspoon had 20 each as Philadelphia handed Los Angeles its seventh consecutive defeat.

The Sixers, winning two straight games for only the second time this season, outscored the Clippers 35-15 in the third period to break the game open. Philadelphia led 89-72 after three quarters.

Harold Ellis scored a career-high 23 points and Ron Harper had 18 for the Clippers, who lost for 11th time in 13 games and dropped to 2-11 on the road.

Rookie Shawn Bradley scored 17 points for the Sixers, while Barros had a career-high 12 assists.

**Pacers 107, Nuggets 96**

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Reggie Miller scored 29 points, including 15 free throws without a miss, as Indiana defeated Denver.

Miller, who scored 10 points in the fourth quarter, extended his free throw streak to 34 straight as the Pacers beat the Nuggets for the eighth time in nine meetings.

Then there have been money problems. Not from a wall-to-toe back-ground. Harding has struggled to pay for a house that is very expensive.

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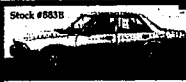


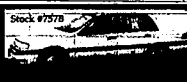






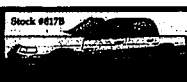

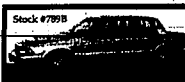



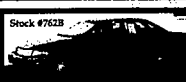


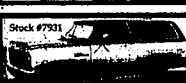













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